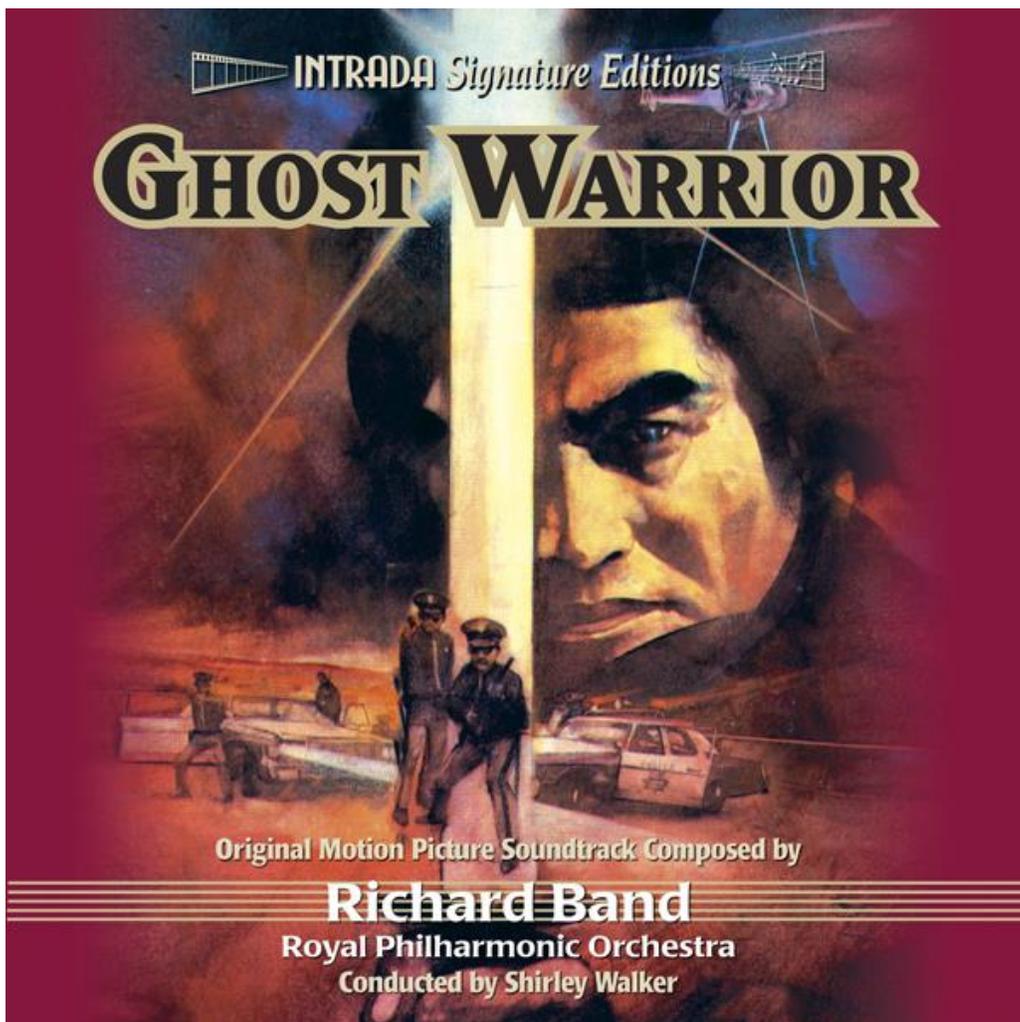




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GHOST WARRIOR
Composed by **RICHARD BAND**
Conducted by **SHIRLEY WALKER**
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
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The 1986 Empire science-fiction film *Ghost Warrior* tells the tale of Yoshimitsu (Hiroshi Fujioka), a master of Japan's 16th Century fighting arts. The film opens in battle, where Yoshi is protecting his beloved Chidori (Mieko Kobayashi) from a band of marauders. In the ensuing battle, Yoshi is separated from his love and suddenly frozen in an icy river. Flash forward to the 1980s. A pair of wayward skiers discover the ancient warrior's preserved form, and it is brought to Los Angeles where Dr. Alan Richards (John Calvin) successfully revives the samurai. While the doctor makes plans to capitalize upon his fantastic achievement, Yoshi sets off on a quest to find his beloved. He has vanquished enemies from a distant time—but can he prevail on the streets of the future?

Richard Band's score is immediately beautiful, capturing not only the sadness of a lost love, but the yearning to make sense of one lost in time. While a fully orchestral score, the 16th-century scenes and flashbacks contain a flavorful, ethnic aura. "While I have always enjoyed traditional Japanese music, when I was presented with the scoring assignment for *Ghost Warrior* I felt the need to add something unique for the sequences set in the past," says Richard Band. Modeled after the unique style of and using the percussive instruments designed by American composer Harry Parch, Band recorded some 80 of Parch's instruments along with some traditional Japanese flutes for the score. These sessions were then added to a separate recording made in London with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at Olympic Studios under the baton of Shirley Walker. "Looking back, I believe it added a unique ingredient to what would turn out to be one of my favorite scores—and one which, 22 years later, I am proud to finally be able to share with my fans and the whole world."

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