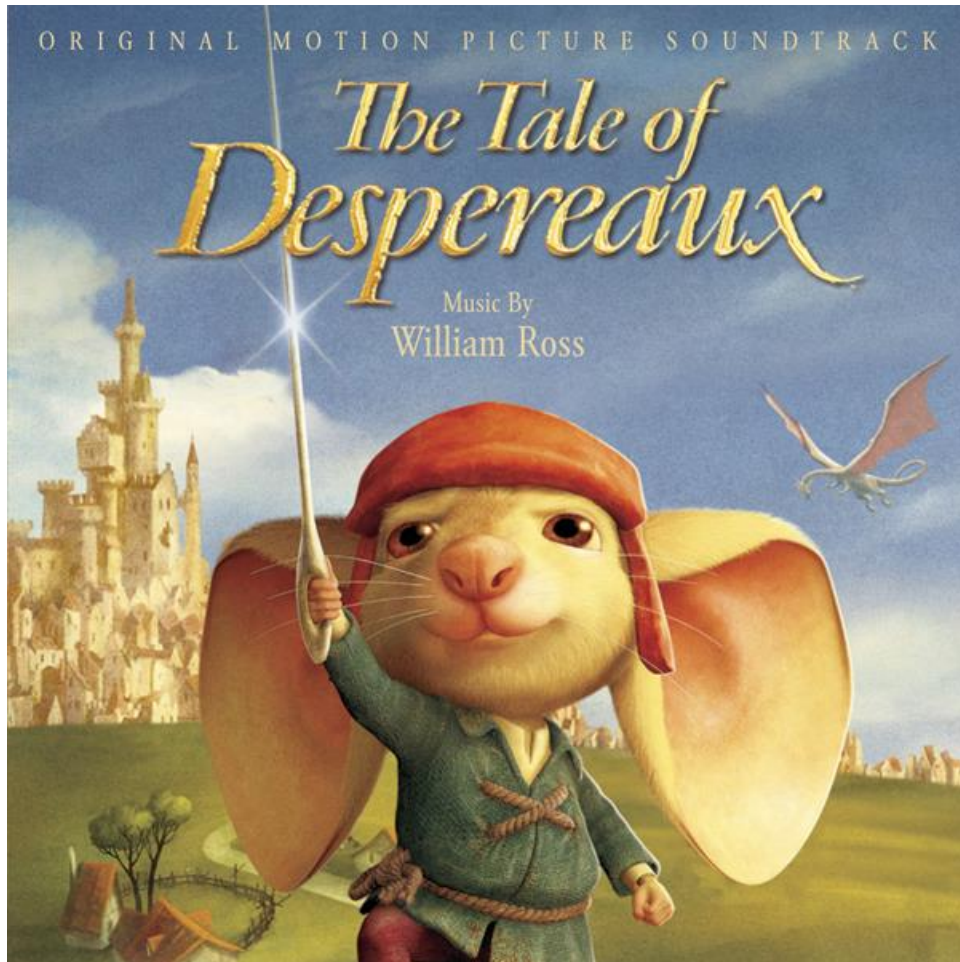




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**THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX**

Composed and Conducted by **WILLIAM ROSS**

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Once upon a time, in the faraway kingdom of Dor, there was magic in the air, laughter aplenty and gallons of mouthwatering soup. But an accident left the King broken-hearted, the Princess filled with longing and the townsfolk without their soup. Sunlight disappeared. The world became gray. All hope was lost in this land...until Despereaux Tilling was born. In this tale of bravery, forgiveness, and redemption, one small creature will teach a kingdom that it takes only a little light to show the truth: what you look like doesn't equal what you are. Even the tiniest mouse can find the courage of a knight in shining armor. From visionary filmmaker Gary Ross, this modern fairy tale features the voice talents of Matthew Broderick, Dustin Hoffman, Emma Watson, Tracey Ullman, and Robbie Coltrane.

Alongside Despereaux on his adventure is composer William Ross, who armed Despereaux with a substantial symphonic score rich in melody and filled with heartfelt themes and exciting action. The music is colorful, capturing the period detail of the movie, yet featuring serious dynamic and intense music. Following nearly an hour of William Ross' symphonic splendor are two songs by Dave Stewart, Glen Ballard, and Gary Ross. The crisp recording is mixed by veteran Armin Steiner, who has recorded substantial scores for John Williams, Bruce Broughton, Henry Mancini, and many other legendary film composers.

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