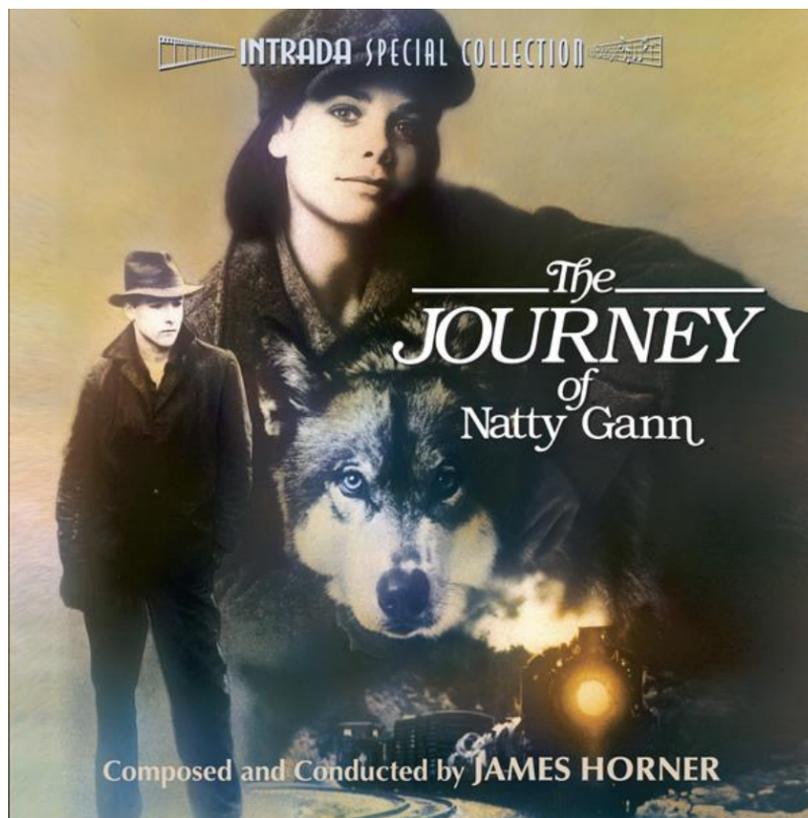




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THE JOURNEY OF NATTY GANN
Composed and Conducted by **JAMES HORNER**
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James Horner's score to the Walt Disney Studios' film *The Journey of Natty Gann* was in high demand at the time of the film's release. While an album did not initially appear, thanks to the generous cooperation of the studio, Intrada is proud to present the first ever release of this beautiful, adventurous score. Set in Depression-era Chicago, *The Journey of Natty Gann* begins with union rabble-rouser Sol Gann (Ray Wise) trying to eke out a living for himself and his daughter Natty (Meredith Salenger). When the widower lands a rare job at a mill in Washington State, he has to leave quickly without his daughter and is unable to find Natty in time to say goodbye. Left with an overly strict caretaker, Natty escapes and begins her cross-country trek by hopping a freight train, where she meets many adventures and characters, including a traveling companion Harry (John Cusak) and a wolf, all in hope of finding her father.

For *Natty Gann*, Horner fashioned a gorgeous theme that all at once captures Natty's determined spirit, her sense of adventure, and her vulnerability – first heard during the "Main Title." A secondary theme, which opens the "Main Title," captures the hard, trying atmosphere of the Great Depression, playing in stark contrast to Natty's theme which seems to evoke hope for better times ahead. Other highlights of the score include "Freight Train," when Natty, Harry and the wolf hop a train. Horner starts slowly, musically building their approach to the train, but as the wolf is late, he must run fast and jump far to reach the train, making it just in time as Horner's score unleashes an exhilarating orchestral climax. "Rustling," is a Copland-esque piece for when Natty joins a gang of young rustlers trying to steal a bull and she is elected to enter the pen and lure the reluctant bull onto a truck. "Reunion" emotionally concludes the score, as Natty, nearly without any hope left, finally finds her father. Her theme swells and resolves, announcing the end of her adventure and her return to the home found only in her father's arms.

Although nearly 25 years old, James Horner's score to *The Journey of Natty Gann* remains one of his most beautiful and adventurous works. This premier CD release features a 33-minute album presentation Horner originally conceived, augmented with an additional suite of key tracks from the score.

This release is limited to 2500 copies.

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