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REMO WILLIAMS: THE ADVENTURE BEGINS
Composed and Conducted by **CRAIG SAFAN**
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The 1985 film *Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins* gave composer Craig Safan the opportunity to follow his rousing symphonic score for *The Last Starfighter* (1984) with an equally rousing—and equally distinct—orchestral score. Safan created a textually complex series of themes interwoven between a traditional 65-piece orchestra and a small Korean ensemble playing folk tunes orchestrated for the Korean, Chuin. To create music for this action/adventure tale of Remo Williams, a New York City cop-turned-top secret crime fighter trained in the arts of stealth and combat by Korean master Chiun, Craig Safan actually wrote three separate layers of material into his *Remo* score, starting with a large orchestra, adding an abundance of then state-of-the-art synthesizer material, notably using the Synclavier, and placing at the center an ensemble of authentic Korean musicians.

Craig Safan retained his own ¼" 15 i.p.s. transfer of the composite two-track stereo mixes and later converted them to DAT. Interestingly, the actual ¼" two-track mixes were made with the orchestra channels inadvertently reversed, and the DAT copies retained this error. Reversed channels notwithstanding, these two-track mixes survived the years in perfect condition. For this new release, Intrada has corrected this problem and while the crisp, dynamic sound quality is the same as the previous release, violins finally come from the left channel, and cellos come from the right, just the way they were intended.

The film starred Fred Ward (*The Right Stuff*) as Remo and Academy-Award winner Joel Grey (*Cabaret*) as Chuin. Remo was a New Jersey police officer, "killed," reborn and trained as an assassin working for CURE, a secret government agency. The story tells of military contractors charging the government billions of dollars in cost overruns and failures of the Strategic Defense Initiative. The film presents Charles Cioffi (*Gray Lady Down*) as George Grove, the urbane but morally corrupt industrial-protector under investigation by Major Rayne Fleming (*Kate Mulgrew*). The Army major first discovers the cover up of a soldier killed during military exercises with a defective weapon; later, she teams up with Remo to bring the arms merchant to justice.

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