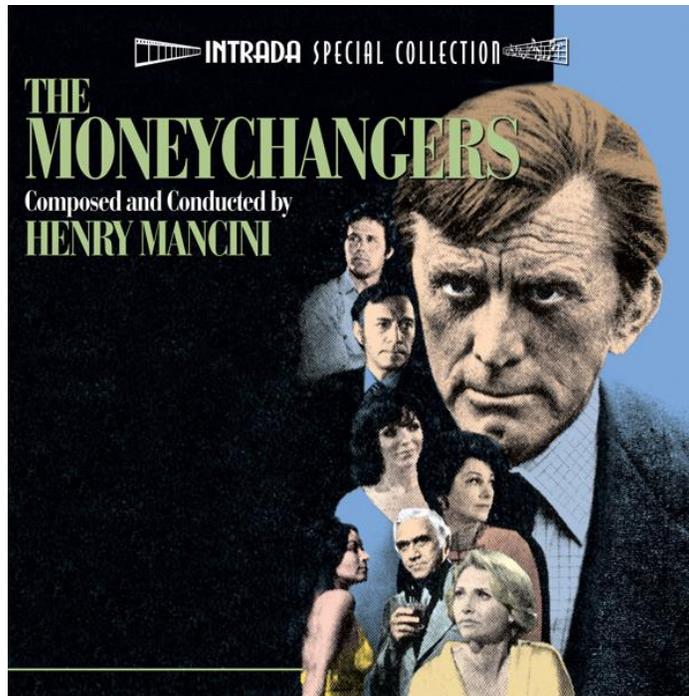




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THE MONEYCHANGERS

Composed and Conducted by **HENRY MANCINI**
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The great length and complexity of the 1976 miniseries *The Moneychangers* provided Henry Mancini with one of the largest canvases of his career – the composer wrote almost two-and-a-quarter hours of music. Mancini's first task was to humanize life behind the scenes at a financial institution—a challenge for any film about a bank. His main theme, first heard as the credits play over piles of stacked gold coins, begins with a churning ostinato to establish a constant pulse of activity, with gleaming synth notes evoking the heaped treasure. Over this, a sweeping melody enters in strings and brass—the human element in a sea of commerce. But that is just the start of Mancini's diverse and long overdue score on CD – from the stirring main theme, through the gorgeous love theme, the haunting tune for Celia, the colorful location music, the original dance combo pieces, to those pulsating dramatic moments leading to the climactic shootout, it's an exciting, colorful, tuneful ride.

While an album to *The Moneychangers* is 35 years overdue, locating the master elements was no small feat. Ultimately, Intrada located the elements in the Mancini archive - a complete set 1/4" mono elements. Every cue and every take was preserved in good clean sound to enable this complete restoration on this 2-CD set.

Arthur Hailey's *The Moneychangers* is centered on two bank executives—one good-hearted and responsible (Kirk Douglas), the other greedy and indifferent to ordinary citizens (Christopher Plummer)—who vie for the presidency of their institution. Around this central conflict, Hailey spun a tantalizing web of sex, intrigue, and violent crime. The remaining cast was a flood of established stars and talented character actors: Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy, Timothy Bottoms, Joan Collins, Susan Flannery, Robert Loggia, Marisa Pavan, Jean Peters, Percy Rodrigues, Hayden Rorke, James Shigeta, Ann Tivell, Patrick O'Neal, and Lorne Greene.

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