

# **CHRIS WESTLAKE**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Chris Westlake is an American composer of electronic and orchestral music. His early musical life was fed by a love of all things strummed. This tendency was encouraged by his Cuban mother and American father, who is a guitarist in his own right having opened for *The Beach Boys* and *Dick Dale & the Deltones*.

He spent his teenage years studying classical and flamenco guitar with Celino Romero and Sharon Isbin, head of the guitar department at Juilliard. Thinking himself mischievous, he formed a faux glam-rock band playing keyboards and synthesizers, taking the stage name Angelo Pentatonic. His classical teachers were none the wiser.

Soon after completing his studies at USC's Thornton School of Music, Chris composed his first feature length film score for *The Beat*, a drama that went on to premiere at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival. Fusing elements of traditional orchestration and hip-hop, this score brought Westlake to the attention of music supervisor Bonnie Greenberg. Ms. Greenberg hired Chris to write and produce additional music for a multitude of projects, including Nancy Meyers' *Something's Gotta Give* and the hit ABC series *Desperate Housewives*.

Pursuing a passion for animation, Chris was selected by producer Chris Meledandri to score several short films featuring the Minions from the mega-hit *Despicable Me*.

Other work includes orchestrating the main title sequence for *Revolution* composed by JJ Abrams, the Joel Silver produced action/thriller *Transit*, string arrangements for multi-platinum artists *Switchfoot*, and over 100 episodes of the Emmy-nominated docu-series *Little People, Big World*.

## **FEATURE FILMS**

*as composer, unless \*otherwise noted*

**SHAMAN**  
Night Tree

Christian Rojas E., Antonio Negret,  
Daniel Negret, Luiza Ricupero, prods.  
Antonio Negret, dir.

**SMALL TOWN CRIME**  
Saban Films

Brad Johnson, John J. Kelly, Parisa Caviani, prods.  
Eshom Nelms, Ian Nelms, dirs.

**DIFFERENT FLOWERS**  
Different Flowers

Morgan Dameron, David Karp, prods.  
Morgan Dameron, dir.

**MIDNIGHTERS**  
New Year Productions

Alston Ramsay, prods.  
Julius Ramsay, dir.

**STAR WARS: EPISODE VII-THE  
FORCE AWAKENS**  
Lucasfilm / Walt Disney Pictures  
*\*Music Consultant*

J.J. Abrams, Bryan Burk, Kethleen Kennedy, prods.  
J.J. Abrams, dir.

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### **BEFORE WE GO**

Wonderland Sound & Vision

McG, Mary Viola, Mark Kassen, prods.  
Chris Evans, dir.

### **ALWAYS WOODSTOCK**

Sunrise Pictures

Jenny Hinkey, Rita Merson, prods.  
Rita Merson, dir.

### **THE ENGLISH TEACHER**

Cinedigm and Tribeca Film

*\*Additional Music*

Naomi Despres, prod.  
Craig Zisk, dir.

### **TRANSIT**

Warner Bros.

Joel Silver, prod.  
Antonio Negret, dir.

### **DESPICABLE ME MINI MOVIES**

Illumination Ent / Universal

Chris Meledandri, prod.  
Chris Meledandri, dir.

### **MY UNCLE RAFAEL**

World Entertainment

Michael Garrity, Vahik Pirhamzei, prods.  
Marco Fusco, dir.

### **DEAR JOHN**

Sony / Screen Gems

*\*Additional Music Arranger*

Marty Bowen, Wyck Godfrey,  
Ryan Kavanaugh, prods.  
Lasse Hallstrom, dir.

### **CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC**

Jerry Bruckheimer Films

*\*Cuban Dance Sequences*

Jerry Bruckheimer, prod.  
PJ Hogan, dir.

### **HACIA LA OSCURIDAD**

Peace Arch Ent.

Craig Anderson, Luiza Ricupero, prods.  
Antonio Negret, dir.

### **SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE**

Sony Pictures

*\*Additional Music*

Bruce A. Block, Nancy Meyers, prods.  
Nancy Meyers, dir.

### **THE BEAT**

IFC Films

Jason Peterson, Ryan Seashore, Brandon  
Sonnier, Scott Speer, prod.  
Brandon Sonnier, dir.

## **SERIES / OTHER**

*as composer, unless \*otherwise noted*

### **GOLDEN AXE**

CBS Eye Animation Productions

Joe Chandler, show runner  
Joe Chandler, Mike McMahan, creators

### **SOLAR OPPOSITES**

20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Television / Hulu

Mike McMahan, Justin Roiland, exec  
prods.

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### **STAR TREK: LOWER DECKS**

CBS / Paramount+

Heather Kadin, Katie Krentz, Alex Kurtzman, Mike McMahan, Rod Rodenberry, Trevor Roth, exec prods.

### **CASTLE ROCK**

Bad Robot / Hulu

J.J. Abrams, Liz Glotzer, Sam Shaw, Ben Stephenson, Dusty Thomason, exec prods.

### **11.22.63**

Hulu / Warner Bros. TV

*\*Score Consultant*

J.J. Abrams, Bridget Carpenter, Bryan Burke, prods.

### **BELIEVE**

Bad Robot / NBC

*\*Additional Music*

J.J. Abrams, Bryan Burk, Alfonso Cuarón, Mark Friedman, exec. prods.

### **REVOLUTION**

Warner Bros. Television

*\*Orchestrated Main Theme by JJ Abrams*

J.J. Abrams, Eric Kripke, prods.  
Jon Favreau, dir.

### **SUIT UP**

Fox Digital

Ryan Webb, prod.  
Christopher Leone, dir.

### **LITTLE PEOPLE, BIG WORLD (s4-s6)**

TLC/ GRP Prod

Gay Rosenthal, exec. prod.

### **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES (s1)**

Touchstone Television

*\*Additional Music*

Marc Cherry, exec. prod.

## OTHER

### **STAR WARS: GALACTIC STARCRUISER RESORT (trailers)**

Walt Disney World / Walt Disney Studios

### **STAR WARS: GALAXY'S EDGE (trailer)**

Walt Disney World / Walt Disney Studios