



**THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD audio drama/
Jared DePasquale/Records DK – digital**

Scoring music for audio dramas is finally becoming a recognized area of film scoring, just as video game music did a decade or two ago. With La-La L and's release of Joe Kraemer's score for the Doctor Who audio drama ESCAPE TO DANGER, and several of composer Jared DePasquale's previous audio soundtracks making it into the marketplace, this subgenre of film scoring is finding its recognition. DePasquale's energetic score for THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD, is definitely something to give a listen to. This is more than your typical book-read-to-you audio book, it's a fully cast theatrical presentation with a narrator, sound effects, and DePasquale's exciting score. Think of it as a dramatic action movie only without the visuals. "It's scored in that 'classic' sense—with a John Williams, Michael Kamen, Howard Shore musical sense," DePasquale said. The score is a solid action/adventure score, created with high quality digital samples that convey a convincing orchestral authenticity, with gleaming brasses, punchy percussion, flowing strings, and piercing winds. The main theme possesses a captivating melody, conveying the Robin Hood character in all his heroic honor and easygoing energy; and there are a number of subordinate themes or motifs that help convey the story beneath its dialogue. It certainly makes for fine listening on its own, and those in the mood for a new swashbuckling sensation for the ears will find THE LEGEND OF ROBIN HOOD a stimulating sensation, nicely separated from its narration, sound fx, and dialogue and enjoyable in its own merits. DePasquale's massive climactic battle piece, "The Siege of Wrangby Castle," is a tremendous cue, as is the following "The Wolf, His Foe, and the Final Fray"—turn the volume up and feel the massive tumult of rumbling drums, raging choir, gleaming brass, storming violins, and delicious orchestration. The score culminates in a shared heroism among Robin's band—a serene reprise of Robin's theme among victorious shouts of celebratory brasses. The score's musical landscape is a rich and melodious journey, and a highly recommended listening experience.

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