

The Timeless Romance of John Barry's *Somewhere in Time* Score

(Film Music Series Article No. 3)

Happy October!

Following my article last month on music from *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, this month's film music focus once again revolves around time as its central theme.

John Barry's score for *Somewhere in Time* is a masterpiece that captures the very essence of the film, immersing the audience in a world where romance and time intertwine. The music deepens the storyline, transforming what could be seen as a straightforward narrative into an emotionally charged and mesmerizing experience. Barry's themes punctuate the film's most significant moments, elevating the chemistry between the two lead characters and drawing the audience closer to their connection.

Interestingly, I explored the soundtrack long before I saw the film, and it was one of the rare instances where I fell in love with a score without knowing the story. The music captivated me immediately, and when I finally watched the movie, I realized how integral the music was to the film's emotional core. Barry's themes, along with the inclusion of Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*, Variation 18 (arguably the most tender and precious moment of the piece), weave together in a delicate dance throughout the movie. The interplay between these two pieces is especially noteworthy. To me, Barry's themes seem to represent the present, while Rachmaninoff's variation evokes a sense of the past.



In the film, Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* is the main character Richard's favorite piece. The use of Variation 18, an inversion of Paganini's original theme, symbolizes the journey of traveling back in time. One of the most crucial moments in the film occurs when Richard first sees Elise's portrait, accompanied by Rachmaninoff's music. This use of variation 18 especially hints at nostalgia and longing, beautifully setting the tone for the unfolding romance.

When Richard finally meets the young Elise in person, Barry's *Somewhere in Time* theme emerges after a hesitant introduction. This echoes how Rachmaninoff's Variation 18 begins—after strings of broken chords searching through shifting tonalities, the melody reveals itself with warmth and clarity. The transition between the introduction and the main theme mirrors Richard's emotional state as he finds Elise. The legato singing of the strings envelops this moment with a sense of tenderness, while Elise's first words, "Is it you?", as Richard slowly takes off his hat, elevate the scene into a forever classic moment of pure romantic longing.

The opening four notes of Barry's theme already express this yearning perfectly. With an upward leap, these notes immediately come to life. The big jumps and sweeping motions in both the melody and accompaniment create an emotional arc that feels like it's reaching for something just out of



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grasp, much like Richard's desire to connect with Elise across time. The Somewhere in Time theme music appears several times in the film, with different instrumentations to assist in both the plot and the emotional development of the main characters. It returns to accompany the film's final scene and the ending credits. Here, the simplicity and nostalgia of the piano's entrance, with a completely different timbre after the lush orchestral sounds, bring a sense of contrast, highlighting the purity of their love despite the fantastical elements of the plot.

Barry's and Rachmaninoff's music brings a timeless beauty to this love story. Please enjoy a recording of Barry's Somewhere in Time main theme performed by me. Christin will share a link to the recording sometime this month. It will also be on my YouTube channel Shiyu Wang Piano :)

Blessings,
Shiyu

(From The Motion Picture: "Somewhere In Time")

♩ = 100 Moderately Slow - With Feeling by JOHN BARRY



The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become - because He made us. He invented us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be... It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own. C. S. Lewis

It's easy to say that Oasis is off to a good start. It was great to hear the youth share how they have grown during their time in Sullivan, how they saw the need of others and reacted in a Christ like manner. How witnessing others stories help push them to want to do more, it was inspiring.



Water wars was a big hit, it was great to see many families come out and engage in a friendly combat. With water balloons and water guns, it was a great way to kick away the heat. It was also a great opportunity to hear from the families as well about what they wanted from Oasis.

Both students and parents were asked, what are some topics you want to be covered in Oasis? What are some out-reaches you want to be a part of, and lastly what sort of events do you want to have during Oasis season.



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After gathering their thoughts, I have begun to craft a more attuned curriculum and schedule for this upcoming year. In September we talked about Jesus Parable and concluded with another wonderful cooking with Angie (food outreach). In October we will be discussing monsters in the bible. I want to challenge our students with this topic and I'm excited to see how they grow after our discussions. We will also be taking our group back to Victory Laps LLC, for a Star wars themed family night full of fellowship and racing!



Calling All Sweet Toths!

We are once again partnering with First UMC for this years Trunk or Treat on October 26th! We need YOUR help to make it the sweetest one yet! We're looking for donations of candy to fill up our trunks and treat all the little ghosts and goblins who will be joining us. Drop off donations in the main office throughout the week or contact Stephen for pick-up. Every piece of candy brings a smile to a child's face (and maybe a little extra joy to your heart too)! Want to see their faces for yourself? We are also looking for volunteers to pass out candy. Let's make this Trunk or Treat the best one yet! Thank you for your generosity and helping make this event a success.

Want to participate but maybe Trunk or treats aren't your thing? We have a job for you! Central would like to participate in this years Trick-or-Treat in the Park hosted by the Parks Department on October 26th. While you will still be passing out candy, our main focus is to be present in the community and connect with the over 1000 community members that will be present. We need 3 or 4 volunteers to be at a Central UMC table and pass out candy and information to those who walk by. YES YOU CAN SIT! Please see Christin for more information.

Pastoral Visits

Do you know someone who could benefit from a visit? Let us know! We do our best to connect with all of our members but sometimes miss important information. If you or someone you know is in the hospital, has had surgery, or could just use a home visit, call the church office at 765-962-8543. We don't know unless you tell us!



All Saints Sunday - Sunday, November 3rd

If you would like to honor a loved one that has passed away this year, please notify the church office at 765-962-8543 or email Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com so that we may honor them on November 3rd. Please send their name, date of birth and death, and a photo. All submissions are due by OCTOBER 31ST.



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Save the date for the Flores Baby Shower!

October 6th after worship in the parlor. Help us shower the Flores family with love as they welcome baby Ezra into the world. As we celebrate this joyous occasion, we invite you to share your love and support by donating diapers (size 1 and up), and baby wipes. Your generous contributions will allow the family to focus on cherishing these precious early moments together. Please bring your donations to the church office during normal business hours. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. More information to come!

P.S. Please keep Gabriel in mind as he is a new big brother!



Endowment Committee

As we move forward enjoying all God has provided, we need to make sure that all of our bases are covered.

- Do we have a will that clearly spells out our desires?
- Do we have proper insurance? Home, auto, and health?
- Are our investments in line with our needs now and in the future?

If you have any questions or concerns your Endowment Committee is available to meet with you.

- Planning: Do it for yourself, do not leave it to others.
- Funeral Planning: Have you established plans?
- Advanced Directives: Medical instructions in case of incapacity.
- Banking: Are you getting the best rates on your accounts.



United Women in Faith

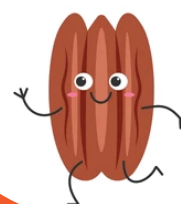
October 5 (Saturday): Women's Retreat—Being Fed: Spirit, Mind and Body. Rev. Judi Marshall will lead us in meaningful discussion, music, activities, worship, and communion. 9:45 to 3 p.m., including lunch, in Fellowship Hall.

UWF POP-UP

OCTOBER 12TH • 10AM - 1PM

HOLIDAY • GIFTS

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Central Early Learning Center is excited to announce our fall/winter Warm Glow Candle fundraiser!



As many of you know, our Early Learning Center is a vital part of our mission to nurture young hearts and minds in a loving, faith-based environment and create disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. 50% of every candle sold will benefit the Central Early Learning Center to ensure that we continue providing the best resources and opportunities for our little ones. And Candles make great Christmas gifts! Who doesn't love candles?!

The Central Early Learning Center Fundraiser will run from October 13th - November 10th and pick-up will be the first week in December. Together, we can help Central Early Learning Center continue to thrive and provide a nurturing environment for our children. Thank you for your support!



Want to get a head start on your order? Check out the products below and contact the Church Office at 765-962-8543 or contact Christin at christin@richmondcumc.com



- Hearth Electric Candle \$27
- Hearth Candle \$18 (2-pack Mini Hearth Candle \$12)
- 3-Pack Wax Melts \$12
- 2-Wick Loaf \$15
- 2-Pack Room Spray \$13
- Jar Candles \$12
- 2-Wick Loaf Tin \$6
- Mini Hearth Tin \$4
- Hearth Tin \$6

SHOUT TO THE LORD ALL THE EARTH!

“Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth.”

Psalm 96:1 (NIV)

I remember back to the days when I was attending college at Kent State University, and I was driving back and forth down the roads of that crowded college town in my very old car. The air conditioner did not work and it was just so hot in the summer time. I had the windows all rolled down trying to catch any kind of breeze when a wonderful song came on the radio. I instantly began to belt out the words without even thinking. Soon, a stoplight caught me and I was completely absorbed in singing at that point. Next, the music crescendoed dramatically, and at full volume, fully forgetting that all of my windows were down, my voice rang out. Suddenly returning to reality, I looked on both sides of me to see my fellow drivers staring at me, mouthing indiscernible words to each other. Quickly, I stopped singing feeling embarrassed. However, for a brief moment, I was feeling like my authentic best self while I was singing my praise song and expressing my worship to God!

Whether we are musically inclined or not, God wants us to sometimes “let go” and express ourselves at full volume or even in a quiet whisper, whether through music, speech, thought, laughter or big crocodile tears of joy. When we express our true praise and worship, thanking God, our peace is restored. Our emotions find balance. And our perspective grows clearer. Praise is one of truest ways that we can embrace and show our love to God. And in doing so, we can feel how much God loves us too. It’s a wonderful two-way street!

Blessings,
Carla Gillespie

Happy October Birthdays!

Nellie Cheek

Aurelia Clark

Roger Clark

Linda Foley

Betty Gibbs

Pat Heiny

David Huntteman

Tara Jamison

Becky Logue

Jeff Logue

Susan McCormick

Amy McKee

Jean Sickmann

Jody Turner

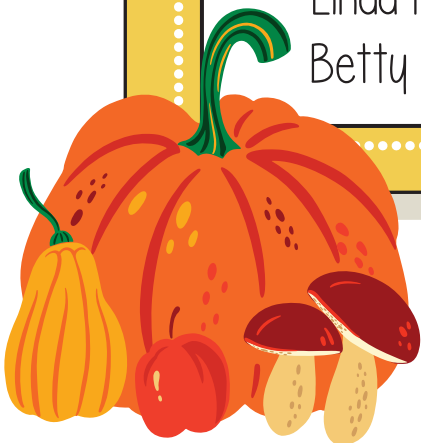
Did we miss your birthday? Contact the office at 765-962-8543 and let us know so we can update our records!

Staff Birthdays

Kathy George

Pastor Ashley Flores

Greg Scott



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Low Vision 10:30am	4	5 UWF Spiritual Retreat 9:45am
6 Flores Baby Shower 11:00am	7	8	9	10 Creative Hands 9am UWF Mtg 1pm	11	12 UWF Pop-Up 10am
13 Food Pantry Sunday	14 Mon. Morn. Con. 9am Trustees Mtg 6:30pm	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Lunch Bunch 11:30am	24 Creative Hands 9am Ad Council 6:30pm	25	26
27	28	29	30 Lamplighter Assembly 10am	31		

Sundays

Adult Sunday School: 9:00am
 Worship & Living Water
 Children's Church: 10:00am
 OASIS Teen group: 5:00pm

Mondays

Preschool 8:30am
 Women's Prayer 12:00pm
 Brianna's Hope 6:45pm

Wednesdays

Preschool 8:30am
 Men's Prayer 12:00pm

Fridays

Preschool 8:30am
 Wisdom Study 12:00pm (Returning soon!)