

# Gary Yershon

## COMPOSER

Nominated for a **2015 Oscar** and **Ivor Novello Award** for his score to Mike Leigh's highly acclaimed **Mr Turner**, Gary Yershon's 40-year career as a composer – spanning film, television, theatre and radio – continues to grow and grow to this day.

After reading Music and Drama at Hull University, Gary pursued a parallel career as an actor up until 1991, when he gave up the limelight to focus primarily on composing. He also works as a writer, translator, musical director and teacher.

For film, Gary has collaborated extensively with the celebrated director, **Mike Leigh**. Their first collaboration began in 1999 with **Topsy-Turvy**, on which Gary was musical director. His first score for Leigh was on the iconic British comedy-drama, **Happy-Go-Lucky**, followed by **Another Year**, which gained Gary a nomination as **European Film Award Best Composer**, and the short film **A Running Jump**.

Gary has also written for TV, where his work ranges from detective drama (**Trial and Retribution IX & X**) to children's cartoons (**James the Cat, Ebb and Flo**). He is currently working on **The Hollow Crown: The Wars Of The Roses**, a Neal Street co-production with Carnival/NBC Universal for BBC Two, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Judi Dench and Hugh Bonneville.

Many of Gary's theatre scores are for the **Royal Shakespeare Company**, where he is an Associate Artist. He has also scored for the **National Theatre**, the **West End** and **Broadway**, where in 2009 he received a **Drama Desk nomination** for **The Norman Conquests**. Gary also writes for the concert stage, the most recent example being a ballet based on John Boyne's **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** commissioned by Northern Ballet as part of Hull's UK City of Culture celebrations.

Gary has also written extensively for BBC Radio since 1979, beginning as a singer-songwriter for Radio 4's Midweek. Since then Gary has composed for many plays, including *The Odyssey*, *Gawain and the Green Knight*, *The Theban Plays*, *The Winter's Tale*, *The Eve of St Agnes*, *Three Men in a Boat*, as well as the 2002 Sony-award winning *Autumn Journal*. For Radio 3 he translated and dramatised Pushkin's *Ruslan and Lyudmila*, and contributed to *The Verb*.

Gary curates and presents *Oscar© Scores* at the Barbican Arts Centre in London. His score for Northern Ballet's ***The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*** premiered in May 2017. He also works as a writer, translator, musical director and teacher.

## TV & FILM

### **JULIUS CAESAR**

Donmar Warehouse  
Director: Phyllida Lloyd  
Producers: Kate Pakenham, John Wyver  
Starring: Harriet Walter, Jade Anouka

### **MR TURNER**

Film4  
Director: Mike Leigh  
Producer: Georgina Lowe  
Starring: Timothy Spall

**\*\*2015 Oscar Nomination for Best Original Score\*\***

**\*\*Ivor Novello Award Nomination 2015: Best Original Film Score\*\***

**A RUNNING JUMP**

Thin Man Films / Film4 / BBC Films  
Director: Mike Leigh  
Producers: Georgina Lowe, Ruth Mackenzie  
Starring: Eddie Marsan

**ANOTHER YEAR**

Thin Man Films / Film4 / United 09  
Director: Mike Leigh  
Producer: Georgina Lowe  
Starring: Jim Broadbent, Philip Davis, Imelda Staunton

**\*\*Best Composer Nomination at 2010 European Film Award\*\***

**HAPPY-GO-LUCKY**

Film4 / Ingenious Film Partners / Thin Man Films  
Director: Mike Leigh  
Producer: Simon Channing Williams  
Starring: Sally Hawkins, Andrea Riseborough

**TRIAL & RETRIBUTION**  
(3 episodes, 2005-2007)

Isle of Man Films  
Directors: Tristram Powell, Andy Hay  
Producers: Christopher Hall, Lynda La Plante,  
Starring: Michael Fassbender, Carey Mulligan

**SKIN DEEP**

Carlton Television  
Director: Terry Flaxton  
Producer: Alison Sterling

**TOPSY-TURVY**

Thin Man Films / Goldwyn Films  
Director: Mike Leigh  
Producers: Simon Channing Williams  
Starring: Timothy Spall, Dexter Fletcher, Jim Broadbent

**JAMES THE CAT**

Grampian Television  
Director: Kate Canning  
Producers: Jan Clayton  
Starring: Alistair McGowan

## THEATRE

### 1975 - 2015

Royal Shakespeare Company  
Old Vic  
Young Vic  
RADA  
Royal Court  
Noel Coward Theatre  
Gielgud Theatre  
Unicorn Theatre Company  
Bristol Old Vic  
Albery Theatre  
Chichester Festival Theatre  
Royal Court  
Shared Experience  
Tron Theatre, Glasgow

National Theatre  
English Touring Theatre  
Donmar Warehouse  
Hightide Festival Theatre  
Manchester Library Theatre  
Turtle Key Arts Co  
Open Air Theatre, Regents Park  
Derby Playhouse  
Wyndham's Theatre  
Gate Theatre, Notting Hill  
Theatre Royal, Bath  
Southwark Playhouse  
National Theatre Studio  
Theatre in the Downs

Theatr Clwd  
West Yorkshire Playhouse  
Everyman, Cheltenham  
Manchester Royal Exchange  
Crucible Theatre, Sheffield  
Nottingham Playhouse  
Good Company Theatre Co  
Show of Strength  
Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond  
Tynewear Theatre Co  
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury  
Duke's Playhouse, Lancaster

Theatre Centre  
Oxford Stage Company  
West Yorkshire Playhouse  
Act Of Faith Theatre Co  
New Performance Gallery, San Francisco  
Theatre Foundry  
Avon Touring Theatre  
Nuffield Theatre  
Palace Theatre, London  
Theatre Royal, Stratford East  
Emma Theatre Company  
Arcola