

## Where Can I Hear a Dulcimer?

While most people haven't heard about the Dulcimer family of instruments, they most certainly will have heard them played. From John Barry's classic 1960's film scores like *The Ipcress File* to *American Beauty*, David Attenborough's *Life of Plants*, *Star Trek*, *Gladiator*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *The Legend of Zorro*, James Bond films including *Spectre*, *Lord of the Rings (Return of the King and Two Towers)*, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and many more. Dulcimers also feature in countless radio plays, the evocative moods created by their distinctive sound have become favourites in the toolset of many composers for film, TV, radio and the concert hall over the last century.



The Appalachian dulcimer has featured on many albums over the years, particularly in the 1960s and 70s by musicians such as Joni Mitchell, John Lennon and the Rolling Stones.

Brian Jones, of The Rolling Stones, played the Electric Appalachian Dulcimer on several Rolling Stones recordings during the 1960s, notably on the recording of *Lady Jane*.





Listen to the sound of the Appalachian or hammered dulcimers by following the links below:

### Appalachian Dulcimer

Lady Jane by The Rolling Stones (Dulcimer played by Brian Jones):

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=XirG-qwMCMc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XirG-qwMCMc)

### Hammered Dulcimer

Billie Jean (originally by Michael Jackson): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZPn5YWZCml](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZPn5YWZCml)

Scarborough Fair: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtf0\\_cQm-oA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtf0_cQm-oA)

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Composers who have written classical music for the dulcimer or cimbalom include:



Zoltan Kodaly

Pierre Boulez

Igor Stravinsky

Peter Maxwell Davies

Franz Liszt

Harrison Birtwistle

