

## **Hans Zimmer**

September 12, 1957 -Born in Frankfurt, Germany

His mother was a concert pianist, so he was around music from the time he was born.

His father, who was an engineer and inventor, passed away when he was six.

He had taken piano lessons already and did not like them. He used the piano to help him express his emotions about his father's death, but not with formal lessons - he just experimented with the sounds.

He moved to London as a teenager and went to school there, before eventually moving to the United States for his music.

He performed with the band The Buggles, and their song "Video Killed the Radio Star" was the first song to be played on MTV in 1981.

He began composing music for film after that, beginning with low budget films, but then for the music in the movie "Rain Man", which won the Oscar for Best Picture. He was nominated for an Academy Award for the

movie, for Best Original Score.

He then went on to write music for more than 150 other movies.

In his music, he uses not only traditional musical instruments, but instruments he invents to make specific sounds he wants to add. He also uses electronic sounds.

He was married three times, He has a daughter named Zoe with his first wife Vicki, and three children (Jake, Annabel, and Brigitte) with his second wife, Suzanne. He married his third wife, Dina, just two years ago, in 2023.

He has won 58 different awards for his music, and has been nominated 213 times. He also has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.