

Ahoy! Hans Zimmer Masters “Pirates” at [Cups ‘N Strings](#)



Pictured (L-R) are Bruce Maddocks and Hans Zimmer

Academy Award-winning scoring composer Hans Zimmer recently mastered at Santa Monica’s Cups ‘N Strings Studios the soundtrack albums for “Pirates of the Caribbean,” (score produced by Hans Zimmer, composed by Klaus Badelt) starring Johnny Depp, and “Tears Of The Sun,” (score by Zimmer) starring Bruce Willis, just released on DVD.

“These were our first projects with Bruce and I was very pleased with the results,” commented Zimmer. “I would like Bruce to take care of all of our projects, so I think we’ll keep him very busy.”

“It’s a very delicate process,” explained Bruce Maddocks, studio owner and chief engineer. “Hans selects the individual music cues from the film which are sequenced with crossfades to build a very long, very lush musical presentation. You have one very large piece of music and the challenge is to create an album in the mastering stage with all of the individual elements blending seamlessly. The trick is to find a balance so that everything fits together to make a very smooth sounding package.”