

## **Biography Otto M. Schwarz**

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Otto M. Schwarz was born in Neunkirchen, Austria, in 1967. He grew up in Wimpassing (Lower Austria - south of Vienna), where he still lives today. Otto M. Schwarz received his music education at the Academy of Music in Vienna, where he studied trumpet with Professor Josef Pombetger of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and composition with Professor Heinz Kratochwil. During this period he created his first compositions in the area of light music.

In 1992, he set up his own recording studio, where he has produced more than 1000 titles. He currently composes music for commercials, films and signature tunes for the Austrian network ORF and various other Radio & TV channels. With the cooperation of several background music companies, Schwarz's CDs are played and distributed in more than 80 countries worldwide. By 2003, more than 1.7 million CDs containing titles by Otto M. Schwarz have been sold and he has been presented gold-discs by international companies. From 2001 Otto M. Schwarz has almost exclusively produced film music for international film productions. His first three films were made with internationally known film Director Peter Patzak. The episode To Risk One's Neck of the TV series Police Call 110 achieved an audience of six million viewers in Germany.

Since autumn 2001 he has worked together with LISA film (productions for the German Broadcasting Organisations ARD and ZDF, the Austrian Broadcasting Organisation ORF and the Italian television RAI). In March 2002 the film version of the novel The Cascades of Slunj achieved an award at the TV festival in Venice. Alms with the German actor Horst Tappert (Heart without a crown) and Franco Nero followed. Since 1995 Otto M. Schwarz has published compositions for concert band with the Dutch music publisher, De Haske, and the Swiss Music publisher, Mitropa. Titles like Nostradamus, For the next Thousand, Roller Coaster, A Song for You and Jazz Waltz are performed all over the world. Well-known bands like The Johan Willem Friso Military Band (Netherlands), Symphonic Winds (Italy), The Band of the Belgian Navy (Belgium), the LBO Baden-Wuerttemberg (Germany), Brighthouse & Rastrick Band (Great Britain), Soli Brass (Netherlands) and many more have recorded works by Otto M. Schwarz.