



# THE *green* PLANET

ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK *composed by* **RAGNAR BJERKREIM**



My collaboration with Sebra Film and Director Bengt Jonson started in 1988 when I wrote the music for *The Kon-Tiki Man*, a 10-episode television series about the life and work of Thor Heyerdahl. This was a joint project with the BBC, which distributed the series to television stations all over the world. The BBC published the music on CD and MC in 1990 by arrangement with Larry Bringsjord, MTG. During the nineties I composed the music for all of Sebra Film's major international documentaries: *The Forests of the World* (1992), *Secrets of the Seas* (1993), *The Drugs of the World* (1998), *Cultures Span the World* (1998), *Spirit of Democracy* (2000) and *Peace in the World* (2001).

In 1995 Sebra Film, in collaboration with Leif Stavik of NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation), made a music video entitled *Musikk til ein klode* (*Music for a Planet*) for the United Nations' 50th anniversary. Since then NRK has broadcasted this video every year on United Nations Day. *Musikk til ein klode* lasts for 10 minutes and describes the history of the UN in pictures and music. The music is performed by Ole Edvard Antonsen, Sigurd Slåttbrekk, Mary Black and the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra. *Musikk til ein klode* is available in my album *Visjonar – Visions* on CD and from Wimp and Spotify.

During the summer of 2011, I wrote the music for *The Green Planet* at Sola outside Stavanger, where my family has a summer house. From my studio in the annex I had a view of the North Sea and the beautiful Jæren countryside, a view that was a great source of inspiration in this work. *The Green Planet* is a TV documentary, in which material from Sebra Film's extensive archives is combined with new film shots from all over the world. Many of the elements in the music can be found in my earlier compositions for Sebra Film.

I made drafts which were approved by Sebra Film's Bengt Jonson before the music was recorded with the Norwegian Radio Orchestra. *The Green Planet* Symphony also contains new musical elements. The theme from *The Kon-Tiki Man* is woven into this work. The TV series often refers to Thor Heyerdal's work. I have arranged and composed the music in such a way that earlier themes and new material form a framework around the TV series. The music for *The Green Planet* sums up my 25-year-long collaboration with Bengt Jonson and Sebra Film.

The music was performed by the Norwegian Radio Orchestra with conductor Cathrine Winnes and soloist Sveinung Bjelland. Alf Christian Hvidsteen has adapted the recording and mixed the music. I would like to thank the musicians, conductor, technicians and management of the Orchestra for a successful cooperation.

**Ragnar Bjerkreim**  
Composer



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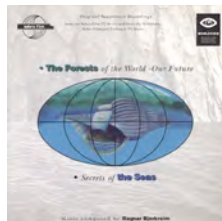
### The Kon-Tiki Man

1990, CD/MC,  
BBC records  
The Kon-Tiki Man  
1993, MTG  
Film Symphony  
Orchestra, Praha  
Dirigent: Stefan Konicec  
Sang: Carl Høgseth  
Lyd: Finn Hansen,  
Juraj Durovic  
Lydprodusent:  
Arild Erikstad



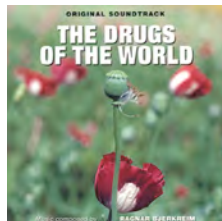
### The Forests of the World

1994, CD, MTG  
Stavanger Symfoniorkester  
Dirigent: Kjell Seim  
Trompet: Ole Edvard  
Antonsen  
Lyd: Per Ravnaas  
Lydprodusent:  
Arild Erikstad  
Den norske blåsekvintett:  
Per Øien, fløyte, Leif Arne  
Tangen Pedersen, klarinett,  
Inger Besserudhagen,  
horn, Per Hannisdal, fagott  
Gitar: Eivind Aarset  
Bass: Kjetil Saunes  
Cello: Geir Tore Larsen  
Keyboard: Ragnar  
Bjerkreim  
Lyd: Rune Lindquist



### The Drugs of the World

1998 CD, MTG  
Gitar: Eivind Aarset  
Bass: Jonny Sjø  
Keyboard: Ragnar  
Bjerkreim  
Lyd: Alf Christian Hvidsteen  
og Truls Birkeland



### Cultures Span the World

1998 CD, MTG  
Sang: Morten Harket  
Gitar: Eivind Aarset  
Cello: Bjørn Værnes  
Bass: Tom Erik Antonsen  
Fløyte: Per Flemström  
Engelsk horn:  
Håvard Norang  
Perkusjon: Rune Arnesen  
Keyboard og flygel:  
Ragnar Bjerkreim  
Perkusjon: Bjørn Rabben  
Harpe: Sidsel Valstad  
Lyd: Alf Christian  
Hvidsteen, Truls Birkeland



### The Spirit of Democracy

2000 CD, MTG  
Vertavokvartetten:  
Berit Værnes Cardas,  
Alicon C. Read, Harvey  
Desouna, Bjørn Værnes  
Fløyter: Hans Fredrik  
Jacobsen  
Bass: Frode Berg  
Perkusjon: Rune Arnesen  
Gitar: Eivind Aarset  
Keyboard: Ragnar  
Bjerkreim  
Lyd: Alf Christian  
Hvidsteen



### Peace in the World

2001 CD, MTG  
Sang: Bjørn Eidsvåg  
Fiolin: Atle Sponberg  
Fiolin: Odd Hannisdal  
Cello: Morten Hannisdal  
Perkusjon: Rune Arnesen  
Gitar: Eivind Aarset  
Keyboard: Ragnar  
Bjerkreim  
Trompet: Arve Henriksen  
Gitar: Børge Petersen-  
Øverleir  
Slagverk: Anders Engen  
Lyd: Alf Christian  
Hvidsteen  
Lyd: Håkon Iversen og  
Peer Esben Ursfjord



### Visjonar - Visions

2003 CD, Trembling Records  
Stavanger Symfoniorkester  
Dirigent: Ray Farr  
Solister: Ole Edvard  
Antonsen, Mary Black,  
Sigurd Slåttebrekk  
Cicadavartetten  
Sang: Bodil Arnesen  
Trekkspel: Johan Egdetveit  
Fagott: Robert Rønnes  
Slagverk: Ivar Atle Fjorheim  
Fagott: Sygn Birkeland  
Gitar: Eivind Aarset  
Perkusjon: Rune Arnesen  
Fiolin: Sveinung Sand  
Klaver: Beth Elin Byberg  
Keyboard: Ragnar  
Bjerkreim



*It's a great privilege having released most of my good friend and composer Ragnar Bjerkreim's music all the way back to 1990 with "The Kon Tiki Man" and "Kamilla og Tyven" as the first two releases. Ragnar's music is amazing and breathtaking in his own style with a beautiful Norwegian twist.*

*Larry Bringsjord, Director MTG MUSIC*







### About the TV series

Episode 1: The Green Planet  
Episode 2: Striking the Right Balance  
Episode 3: The Road to Recovery

Produced by Sebra Film  
in association with Global kunskap

Executive producer: Stefan Degerlund  
Producer: Bengt Jonson  
Photography: Anders Berg  
Additional photographers: Gerold Berg,  
Mikael Karlsson, Åke Karlsson  
Script and advisor: Christopher Ralling  
Editing: Anders Berg

### Previous Trembling Records CD

The Immortal Ibsen CD 2001  
Visjonar-Visions CD 2003  
Kong David 2CD 2004  
På kanten CD 2005  
Blått Sug CD 2007  
*Also available on itunes, Wimp and Spotify*

[www.sebrafilm.se](http://www.sebrafilm.se)  
[www.globalkunskap.se](http://www.globalkunskap.se)  
[www.norskmuikkforlag.no](http://www.norskmuikkforlag.no)



1 The Green Planet Symphony	9:01
2 The Green Planet Medley 1. The Forest	1:00
3 The Green Planet Medley 2. The Sea	0:51
4 The Green Planet Medley 3. The Drug	1:03
5 The Green Planet Medley 4. The Kon-Tiki Man	1:13
6 The Green Planet Medley 5. Peace in the World	0:56
7 The Green Planet Medley 6. Music for a Planet	1:15
8 The Green Planet Medley 7. Cultures Span the World	0:36
9 The Green Planet Medley 8. Aung San Sui Kyi	0:56
10 The Green Planet Thor Heyerdahl Fanfare	3:10
<i>(From CD: The Forests of the World):</i>	
11 Daily Mirror II	0:44
12 Daily Mirror I	1:09
13 Philippine Paper Mill	1:38
14 Forests Theme	0:47
15 Korean Forest Vocal: Anne Vada	2:00
<i>(From CD: The Drugs of the World):</i>	
16 Hashish	1:37
17 Global trip	1:38
<i>(From CD: Spirit of Democracy):</i>	
18 Main Theme Korea	1:20
19 The Green Planet Intro C Vignette	0:31
20 The Green Planet Intro B Vignette	0:37
21 The Green Planet Intro A Vignette	0:35
<i>(From CD: Cultures Span the World):</i>	
22 Big Cities	2:08
23 Slavetrade	2:03
24 Shadows from the past	1:50
25 Overture	3:14
26 The Inuits	4:17

## Original soundtrack The Green Planet

Music composed by Ragnar Bjerkreim  
All music on this CD is produced by  
Sebra Film AB, Sweden

Original music track 1-10 and 19-21  
is performed by Norwegian Radio  
Orchestra, Oslo  
Conductor, Cathrine Winnes  
Grand Piano, Sveinung Bjelland  
Recorded at Store Studio

Edited and mixed by Alf Christian Hvidsteen  
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