



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 Slåttebrekk, 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



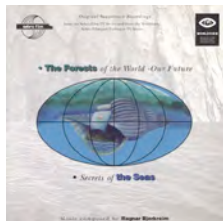
The Kon-Tiki Man

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
Lydproduzent:
Arild Erikstad



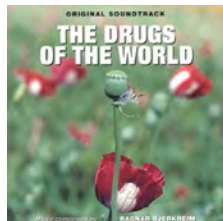
The Forests of the World

1994, CD, MTG
Stavanger Symfoniorkester
Dirigent: Kjell Seim
Trompet: Ole Edvard
Antonsen
Lyd: Per Ravnaas
Lydproduzent:
Arild Erikstad
Den norske blåsekviintett:
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 Sjo
Keyboard: Ragnar
Bjerkreim
Lyd: Alf Christian Hvidsteen
and Truls Birkeland



Cultures Span the World

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



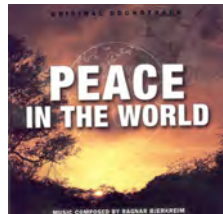
The Spirit of Democracy

2000 CD, MTG
Vertavokvartetten:
Berit Værnes Cardas,
Alicon C. Read, Harvey
Desouna, Bjørg 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 Slåttembrekk
Cicadakvartetten
Sang: Bodil Arnesen
Trekkspel: Johan Egdetveit
Fagott: Robert Rønnes
Slagverk: Ivar Atle Fjordheim
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 Tjven" 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
www.globalkunskap.se
www.norskmusikkforlag.no

