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## SOUNDTRACK REVIEW

### Piranha 3DD (Original Motion Picture Score)



Composer: Elia Cmiral  
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*After the terror unleashed on Lake Victoria in Piranha 3D, the pre-historic school of bloodthirsty piranhas are back. This time, no one is safe from the flesh eating fish as they sink their razor sharp teeth into the visitors of summer's best attraction, The Big Wet Water Park. Christopher Lloyd (Back to the Future) reprises his role as the eccentric piranha expert with survivor Paul Scheer and a partially devoured Ving Rhames back for more fish frenzy. David Hasselhoff trades in the sandy beaches of Baywatch to be a celebrity lifeguard at the racy water park...*

I openly admit that I wasn't expecting much from this score. I mean, come on, the last thing that a follow-up to a spoof monster flick is going to spend time on is its soundtrack. Was I ever wrong.

Elia Cmiral has approached this project as a serious film (for the most part). His music stands up incredibly well and is wonderful as a stand alone project. While there's the odd bit of filler material, on the whole this album is full of great little moments and incredible themes. The album, which is made up of 18 tracks, lasts for 44 min, 12 sec.

Personal favourite tracks include 'Return of the Piranhas'; 'Trident Aria' (which is a beautiful aria); 'Kiss of Life' (which starts off beautifully before transforming into a track that almost doesn't work. The drum beats could so easily have turned everything sour, but it works beautifully); and the beautiful 'Sheriff's Redemption'. Also of interest is the Bernard Herrmann-esque piranha theme which is used in quite a lot of the tracks towards the end of the album.

Elia Cmiral's music always impresses and if you like this then you should also check out his score for *Atlas Shrugged: Part 1*, which while totally different, is still just as impressive.

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