

“Mountains of Madness featuring John Williams” Tenth Anniversary Soundtrack (2021)

Mountains of Madness (directed by Guillermo del Toro; starring George Clooney, Octavia Spencer, Gary Oldman, and Kristen Stewart) was one of the highest-grossing films of 2011 on Homeline. Del Toro even managed to score John Williams for the soundtrack, which (as usual) netted Williams an Academy Award nomination. It's widely considered to be one of Williams' better work; the 'Main Theme' in particular somehow manages to be simultaneously peppy, pulpy, and deeply creepy, all at once. The tenth anniversary commemorative soundtrack is itself rather nice, with charmingly retro things like physical artwork -- and an actual compact disc inside! The whole thing has "collector's item" stamped all over it. Well, not literally, because that would be crass.

Unfortunately, some idiot for a cross-time corporation brought the CD with him to an alternate timeline -- specifically, Earth Beta (current local year: 2018), which absolutely has a John Williams but does **not** have this particular version of *Mountains of Madness*. Earth Beta also does have compact discs, although thankfully for the Paratime Secret there's *just* enough differences in the coding to make it impossible for somebody to simply insert

the disc and hit 'play.' So far, everybody's who has seen the CD cover is assuming that it's a funny and wistful fake.

That will change the moment somebody figures out how to make the CD play on a Earth Beta device. Upon listening to it, even trained musicologists will be convinced (much against their will) that this is somehow a legitimate John Williams score, mostly because it **is** a legitimate John Williams score from an alternate timeline. Earth Beta has the concept of alternate timelines, by the way. It also has something called 'YouTube' (Homeline uses a different, much superior service that was looted from Shikaku-Mon's Kingdom of Louisiana), which means that theoretically the entire Paratime Secret could be revealed to all of Earth Beta roughly five minutes after an obsessive John Williams fan starts uploading.

Maybe the authorities on Earth Beta will not put two and two together. Maybe it'll just be a nine days' wonder, and that will be the end of it. And maybe it'll be the catalyst that finally reveals the secret on the first alternate timeline that Homeline ever discovered. But none of that will happen *if somebody gets that CD back first*, right?

Track List

1. Main Theme (3:45)
2. The Flight, Part 1 (4:21)
3. Winter (0:47)
4. Base Camp (2:20)
5. Discovery (7:41)
6. The Flight, Part 2 / Mountains of Madness, Part 2 (6:30)
7. The Descent (1:15)
8. History Lesson (7:30)
9. The City (3:11)
10. Slow Hunt (2:00)
11. Tekeli-li! (0:34)
12. Mountains of Madness, Part 2 (6:10)
13. Main Theme / Tekeli-li! (reprise) (6:10)

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