

Today's Game Soundtrack: <cite>Video Games Live</cite>



After nearly a year of delays, the CD of pieces from the "Video Games Live" concert tour is finally available.

It's a mostly Western-focused disc; although the concert tour features a number of orchestrated pieces from games like Metal Gear,* Final Fantasy*, Mario, and Zelda, none of them appear here. Instead, the focus is on games like God of War, Halo, and Civilization.

Not that that's necessarily a bad thing. Sure, some fans might be a bit disappointed with the omissions, but if videogame music fans are like me, they've already got numerous CDs filled with orchestrated live versions of the* Mario* theme song. What's on this disc are arrangements unique to [the Video Games Live tour](#) that aren't available anywhere else.

I especially like the Civilization IV medley – that's usually the highlight of the VGL shows for me, and the version here is great, especially the tenor solo. This and most of the other tracks are studio recordings, although there are three live clips from concerts: Medal of Honor, God of War, and the rock-infused Castlevania medley, featuring* VGL* creator Tommy Tallarico on electric guitar.

[Video game pianist Martin Leung's](#) solo performance of Tetris tunes is also excellent.

Check out some [previews of the tracks and the full list over on Amazon](#). Note that it's "Volume 1" – hopefully the second disc will flesh out the track listing and add in some of the other fan-favorite arrangements.

See also:

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