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# SECRETS OF THE WHALES

Disney+

## RAPHAELLE THIBAUT BIO

### Composer



Raphaëlle Thibaut is the composer of the upcoming Disney+ original series, **SECRETS OF THE WHALES**, which marks Thibaut's first full television score.

After she was born, Thibaut suffered from a series of severe ear issues that led to single-sided deafness. At age 4, following doctor's recommendation and guided by her music-loving parents, she started an intense piano practice and music became her path to recovery. She studied in Northern France and Paris, where she lived until 2015.

Thibaut's musical interests were wide, ranging from romantic period composers, such as Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Sergei Rachmaninoff, to neo-classical and electronic music. A fan of film since her youth, she would capture movie soundtrack bites in theaters with her recorder to study them at home.

From her early teens, Ennio Morricone, Jerry Goldsmith and François de Roubaix scores were already playing on her discman.

In 2015, Thibaut decided to leave her marketing job at Google to pursue her lifelong passion for film scoring. She started writing for independent films and music houses and for brands like The Coca-Cola Company, Nike and Ubisoft. Major players like KPM/Sony Pictures, Warner Music and Audiomachine soon hired her to compose library albums for films and television.

Determined to score for the movie industry, Thibaut also worked for various trailer houses and was featured in major Hollywood Productions, including "Incredibles 2" and "The Act."

A long-time Parisian, Thibaut now lives in New York City with her husband and 2-year-old son.