

Rick Wakeman

The Burning: The Original Soundtrack Music From the Film Performed by Rick Wakeman (CD, Voiceprint, Soundtrack)

Reissue of the previously-very-difficult-to-find / out-of-print soundtrack by **Rick Wakeman**. *The Burning* was originally released in 1981 and is one of the most successful horror films ever in Japan. This, the CD soundtrack, is divided into two sections: *The Wakeman Variations* (consisting of four pieces) and *The Music From the Film* (which consists of seven pieces). As one would expect, most of the tracks on this CD have that big, orchestrated sound that is almost always associated with Wakeman's music. We have always been impressed with Wakeman's keyboard skills...some of these compositions rank right up there with his best (a few sound very much like **Tomita**). Although two tracks seem rather out of place and dated here ("Doin' It" and "Devil's Creek Breakdown"), this is, overall, an intriguing soundtrack full of what were obviously state-of-the-art sounds at the time they were recorded... (Rating: 4++++)

