

LIFE ON JUPITER—The Story of Jens Nygaard, Musician(125 word synopsis)

This EMMY Award-winning portrait of legendary New York conductor, Jens Nygaard, takes us from his Arkansas origins as a troubled prodigy to the Carnegie Hall premiere of his Jupiter Symphony orchestra. It begins as the story of a genius who continued to deliver great music despite grave difficulties—mental illness, multiple myeloma cancer, and the indifference of the Manhattan power brokers. As it develops, we realize that the program poses important questions about commitment and the pursuit of perfection. Some of his causes may seem quixotic, but Nygaard sustains our respect and admiration, even awe. Those feelings are reinforced by the great concerts, combined with heartfelt interviews and performances of world class musicians who knew this conductor for decades.

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