

Time: 10:30-noon

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Program

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Gustav Holst: Beyond “The Planets”

I. Announcements

- A. NJ Symphony Concert at State Theatre, New Brunswick: June 2, 2024, 3 pm
 - Please send in your payment no later than April 26
 - Cost: \$25.00 per person (does not include a tip for the bus driver)
 - Make checks payable to “County of Hunterdon”

II. Gustav Holst: Biography (1874-1934)

III. Musical Development

- A. Folk Music Revival in UK
- B. Work as a Performing Musician
- C. Teacher at St. Paul’s School for Girls
- D. Friendship with Ralph Vaughn-Williams
- E. Interest in Non-Western Philosophy, Cultures and Music
- F. Significance in British Music of the 20th Century

IV. Works Highlighted Today

- A. *Suites 1 and 2 for Military Band*
- B. *Six Morris Dance-Tunes*
- C. *A Fugal Concerto*
- D. *Walt Whitman Overture*
- E. *Part-songs*
- F. Selections from *Japanese Suite*
- G. *Beni Mora*, Selection

Internet:

1. British Music Collection: Gustav Holst
<https://britishmusiccollection.org.uk/composer/gustav-holst>
2. Biography on Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_Holst
3. The Gustav Holst Website: <http://www.gustavholst.info/>
4. Holst House Museum in Cheltenham, UK: <https://holstvictorianhouse.org.uk/>

YouTube Videos

1. 1st Suite for Military Band: <https://youtu.be/AKIGs59nRc8?si=6zSqIIhP4vG6LxJd>

2. 2nd Suite for Military Band:
https://youtu.be/KObrPaWM_dE?si=t934pdNv9XFgLcpN
3. St. Paul's Suite: <https://youtu.be/GBjkb9bBTU4?si=Dk-dAh-JKK7jszWg>
4. Savitri, Chamber Opera: <https://youtu.be/PjUw0dZJ5vA?si=0NKtbGLM9D8PmkwU>
5. The Perfect Fool, Ballet Music:
<https://youtu.be/TjUPMwj4Ev8?si=SzM8Kh0eqjLgVpm1>

Recordings:

Holst, Beni-Mora, Somerset Rhapsody and Other Works	Naxos 8.553696
Gustav Holst, Orchestral Music	Arte Nova Classics
ANO 340220	
Holst, Cotswold Symphony and Other Works	Naxos 8.572914
Holst, Savitri, Partsongs, Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda	London 430 062-2
Holst, Vaughn-Williams, British Wind Band Classics	Chandos CHAN 9697
Holst, The Cloud Messenger, A Choral Fantasia, Part-songs	Chandos CHAN 241-

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