

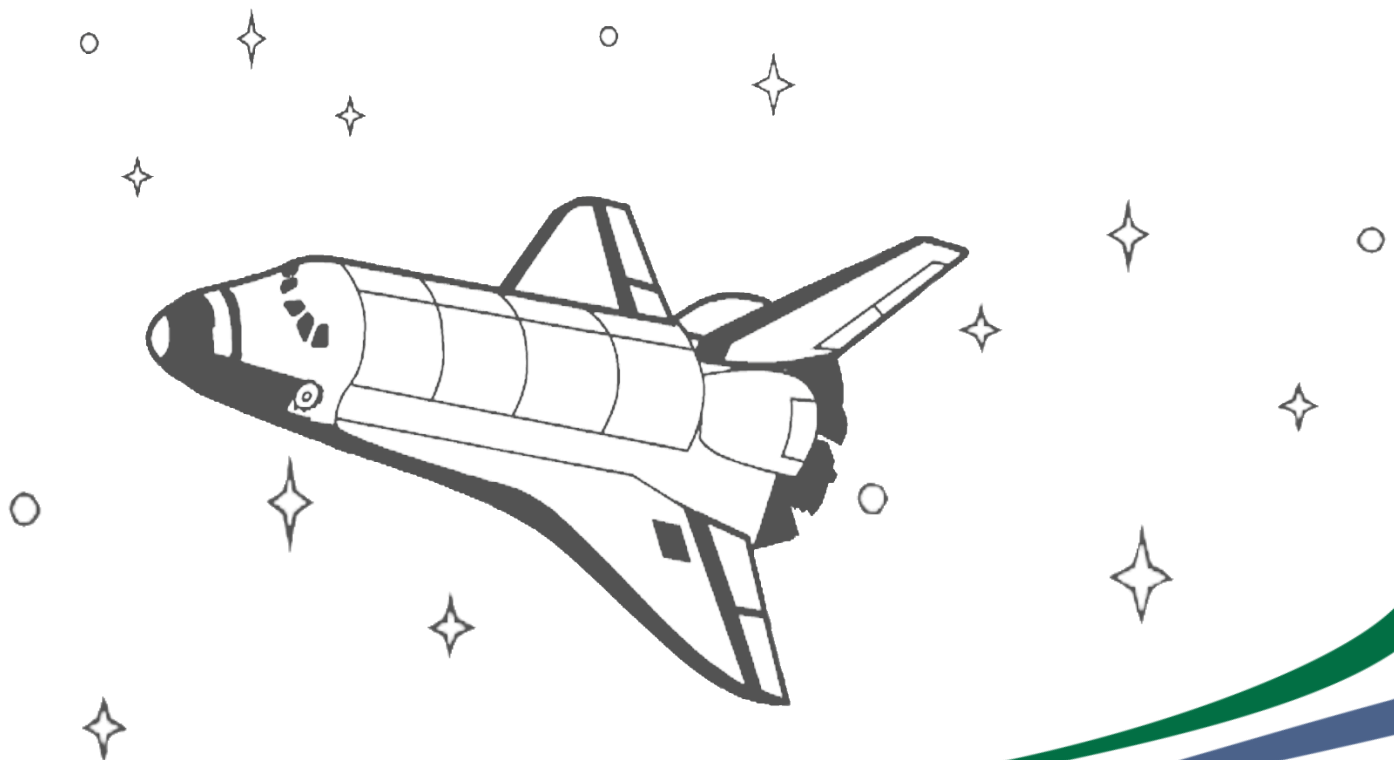


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## Museum Making

### Space Shuttle Shaker



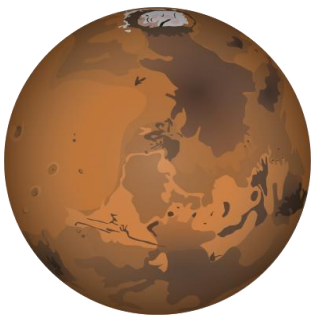
## Who was Gustav Holst?



Gustav Holst was a British composer and musician. He studied trombone and composition here at the Royal College of Music. Today one of his trombones can be found in our museum collections.

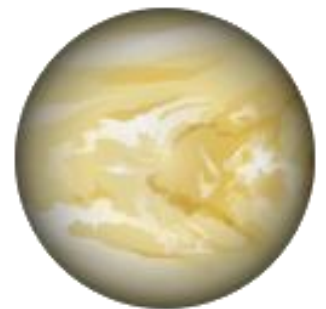
Holst is most famous for composing his orchestral suite *The Planets*. It has seven sections or movements - one for each planet in the solar system except Earth. Each planet has its own personality.

## The Planets



The first planet in the suite is **MARS**, the bringer of war. The movement is dark, angry, and sometimes sounds a little sneaky.

The second planet is **VENUS**, the bringer of peace. Its music is gentle, light, and sweet.



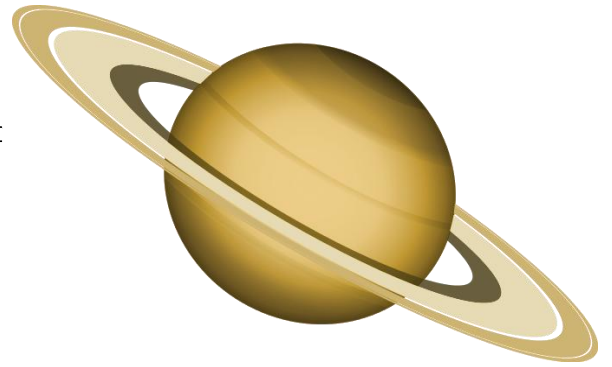
After Venus is **MERCURY**, the winged messenger. In a rush to deliver messages to the Roman gods, he sounds quick and energetic.





From there we travel to **JUPITER**. Jupiter big, bright, and playful. No wonder, when he's the bringer of jollity - that's joy and celebration!

Next is gloomy **SATURN**, the bringer of old age. The music is slow and thoughtful, as if remembering a life gone by.



After that is **URANUS**. Uranus is the magician! This planet sometimes finds itself in trouble. But don't worry - it's all in good fun!

Finally, we come to **NEPTUNE**, the mystic. It is calm and mysterious, like floating gently over the sea to an unknown place.



Now that you've met all the planets, listen to some of the suite on YouTube. Which is your favourite?

## While you listen... create your own Space Shuttle shaker to carry you through the solar system!



Here's what you'll need:

- 1 piece of cardboard, like the side of a parcel or a cereal box
- Space Shuttle template from the last page of this pack
- 1 cardboard tube from toilet roll or paper towels
- Rice, lentils, or pasta shapes
- Scissors, glue and tape
- Markers, colouring pencils or crayons - to decorate!



First, cut out the Space Shuttle template and trace it onto your piece of cardboard. Then cut it out.

Next, trace the end of your cardboard tube twice and cut out the circles. These will be the caps for your shaker to make sure none of your rice, lentils or pasta fall out!

Cover one side of the cardboard tube with one of the circles. Tape well to hold in place. Now fill your tube halfway with rice, lentils or pasta. Cover the other side with the second circle and tape well.

Tape or glue your filled cardboard tube to the cardboard space shuttle you cut out earlier.

Decorate and enjoy your Space Shuttle shaker!

