

Holst Spaceship Earth

Gustav Holst 150 years

Transit of Venus

Calling All Earthlings!



"Such a creative & absorbing piece of filmmaking, the team adored it."
Boundless Film Festival

Spaceship Earth's Original Musical Starman Multi-sensory Experience



"CREATIVITY FOR THE SOUL"

Laura Kinnear,
Holst Victorian House Curator
& Holst 150 Creative Director

The "Holst Spaceship Earth Experience" a multi-modal, multi-sensory, multi-dimensional motion arts community co-creation, celebrating the 150th Birthday of "Spaceship Earth's Original Musical Starman" **Gustav Holst** & the 50th Anniversary of the "Holst Victorian House" founded by Arts & Cultural heritage pioneer **Imogen Holst**, in the festival centre for the Cotswolds, Cheltenham Spa.

This **Arts Council England** supported project spotlighted Gustav Holst's often overlooked impact on popular musical culture, spanning fandom genres from classical to pop, heavy metal, film, and television. Holst is among those few British neo romantic music composers to exert a major global cultural influence, from *Hitchcock and Star Wars, David Bowie, Frank Zappa to Black Sabbath, Hannah Peel, Mr Robot, The Simpsons, Bluey and beyond..*

A mind expanding edutainment extravaganza the "Holst Spaceship Earth Experience" explores Holst's iconic neo romantic & world music legacy. Focusing on "The Planets" suite, through reflections on interconnectedness, peace, well-being, equality and nature. Aided by inspirational "Let's Create" knowledge share storytelling, music, art, science, astrology, creative technology, and philosophical inquiry workshops.

We welcomed onboard a stellar crew of cross-cultural CreaTech innovators, academics, experience designers, musicians, astrologers, artists, renegade economists and art students, who together over 6 months crafted "Holst Spaceship Earth - Transit of Venus" the missing mystical musical light and sound movement, and experimental collection of cosmic INNER & OUTER "Feel It" nomadic immersive experiences, emphasizing the mantra "We Are All One"



"THIS LOOKS FABULOUS."

Kate Raworth, Author of Doughnut Economics. Co-founder of Doughnut Economics Action Lab & Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute Educator

LET'S CREATE ARTISTS FIRST



5 MUSICAL MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCES CO-CREATED



5 HOLST INFUSED MUSICAL SCORES



MUSIC & PEACE EDUTAINMENT GAME WORLD



500 CHATTYFEET COLLECTORS ENAMEL PINS



GUSTAV HOLST HIT 2.2 MILLION MONTHLY SPOTIFY LISTENERS



10+ LET'S CREATE ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS



FILMFREWAY AWARD WINNER



5 SOLD OUT LIVE EVENTS



AS SEEN ON BBC NEWS, BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE, BBC RADIO

WWW.HOLST SPACESHIP.EARTH

DIY WEB PORTAL

#HOLST 150



500K SOCIAL SHARES

1000+ SEED BALLS PLANTED



FULL DOME POP UP



PLANETARIUM "IVT" WORLD PREMIERE



SOCIAL GOOD COMMUNITY FESTIVALS, MEAL & EVENTS



HOLST "THE PLANETS" PIANO RECORDING & AI DNA VOICE CLONING



PRINTED ZINE & CYBERZINE



50+ INCREDIBLE CO-CREATOR CREW

THE TRANSIT OF VENUS

Music by Mileece



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ALL ABOARD.. FOR A MIND EXPANDING OUTER AND INNER SPACE TRIP, ACROSS THE UNIVERSE WITH "HOLST SPACESHIP EARTH - TRANSIT OF VENUS" A SURREAL MULTI-SENSORY MUSICAL 360° IMMERSIVE VIDEO EXPERIENCE. (FULL DOME, PLANETARIUM, CARDBOARD B.Y.O.D, VR HEADGEAR, YOUTUBE 360)

JOURNEY WITHIN THIS ABSTRACT FINE ART, LIGHT-PARTICLE ODYSSEY, FROM THE HEARTBEAT OF THE DAZZLING SUN TO AN ELECTRICALLY PULSING NEURON GALAXY, INSPIRED BY SPACESHIP EARTH'S ORIGINAL MUSICAL STARMAN AND CLASSICAL NEO-ROMANTIC FOLK ICON COMPOSER GUSTAV HOLST.

WITNESS A CELESTIAL DANCE OF INTERPLANETARY BEAUTY, GUSTAV HOLST'S BIRTH IN 1874 COINCIDED WITH A TRANSIT OF VENUS, WHEN THE "BRINGER OF PEACE" PASSED BETWEEN EARTH (GAIA) AND THE SUN (HELIOS), A RARE COSMIC CLOSE ENCOUNTER THAT HELPED EARLY ASTRONOMERS UNDERSTAND OUR INTERCONNECTED UNIVERSE.

THE YEAR 1874 ALSO MARKS THE FIRST RECORDED SPACE MOVING IMAGE, "PASSAGE DE VENUS" (IMDB), A GROUND BREAKING MOMENT IN EARLY CINEMA HISTORY. THESE EVOLUTIONARY NEW MEDIA INNOVATIONS, MUCH LIKE THE "HOLST SPACESHIP EARTH" MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCE, HELPING US TO ABSORB AND UNDERSTAND THE PROFOUND CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMANITY, NATURE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE UNIVERSE, IN NEW WAYS.

THIS VISUALLY BEAUTIFUL MYSTICAL MUSICAL EXPERIENCE, FEATURES AN ORIGINAL, UNIVERSAL PEACE SONIC SCORE BY WONDROUS ORGANICA ARTIST AND IMMERSIVE ECOLOGY DESIGNER MILEECE, ECHOING HOLST'S ICONIC AND MAGICAL "THE PLANETS." HAND CRAFTED IN REALTIME VIRTUAL REALITY, WITH FINE ART ILLUSTRATION & ANIMATION BY RISING STAR VR ARTIST LORNA INMAN.

IMMERSE YOURSELF FURTHER WITH THE CYBERNETIC AI CLONING OF HOLST'S VISIONARY AND SPIRITUAL WORDS, USING TWO GENERATIONS OF ELECTRONIC FAMILY VOICE DNA. INCLUDING OPTIONAL SUBPAC "FEEL IT" HAPTIC BASS WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY, VEDIC ASTROLOGY STAR-CHART MULTI-SENSORY FIRE SCENT & WILD FLOWER SEEDBALLS.

"SHOWING THE WORLD IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT, MAKING YOU THINK! & CELEBRATING MORE THAN A 150 YEARS OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S ORIGINAL MUSICAL STARMAN."

JON SMITH, BBC RADIO GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREAKFAST SHOW

ROBLOX

IMAGINE PEACE



HOLST SPACESHIP EARTH - TRANSIT OF VENUS: ROBLOX GAME WORLD & CYBERZINE

THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ROBLOX GAME WORLD CONNECTED WITH THE PROJECT, ALLOWS PLAYERS TO EXPLORE HOLST'S SONIC LEGACY AND LIFE, ENCOURAGING THEM TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS LIKE "DO WE WANT PEACE OR WAR?" AND "HOW DOES THE DELUSIONAL POWER OF IMMENSE WEALTH AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES DRIVE CONFLICT?". IT ALSO INCORPORATES THE WORDS OF PHILOSOPHERS, ARTISTS, POETS SUCH AS DONNA HARAWAY, AUDRE LORDE, TORAH WILCOX, WALT WHITMAN & MAHATMA GANDHI. LOVINGLY CREATED BY DR ELEANOR DARE, CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY & DR DYLAN YAMADA-RICE, UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH.



"A GREAT SPACE TO REFLECT ON THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE UNIVERSE & THE NEED FOR PEACE."

**DYLAN YAMADA-RICE,
UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH,
PROFESSOR OF IMMERSIVE
STORYTELLING SCHOOL OF ART,
DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE
[FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES
& BUSINESS]**

could not live by
composition alone





Gustav Holst
8 BIT MARS THE OTHERSIDE

TURN ON, TUNE IN, FREAK OUT.. WITNESS AN AUDIO PHENOMENA! FOR THE FIRST TIME, RETURNING FROM 'THE OTHERSIDE' HEAR AND FEEL THE VOICE, AND EXTRAORDINARY WORDS OF GUSTAV HOLST, SPACESHIP EARTH'S ORIGINAL MUSICAL STARMAN, AS HE TRANSCENDS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF A VINTAGE BAKELITE WIRELESS RADIO.

THIS INNOVATIVE DIY INSTALLATION IS ACHIEVED USING ACCESSIBLE CUTTING EDGE CYBERNETIC CLONING CREATECH AND ELECTRONICALLY BLENDS TWO GENERATIONS OF HOLST FAMILY DNA, SOURCED FROM HIS INCREDIBLE MUSICAL DAUGHTER, IMOGEN HOLST AND HOLLYWOOD ACTOR BROTHER, ERNEST COSSART.

THEN FURTHER IMMERSE YOURSELF IN 'THE ART OF HOUSE' EXPERIMENTAL 8-BIT CHIPTUNE RENDITION OF "MARS (THE BRINGER OF WAR)" CREATED ON A COMMODORE 64. EXPERIENCE THE SONIC SPACE SPECTACULAR SOUNDS LIKE NEVER BEFORE, THROUGH SUBPAC HAPTIC BASS "FEEL IT" TECHNOLOGY.

WITH ELECTRONIC UPCYCLED CYBER "HOLST" CRAFTED BY THE ORIGINAL CYBER ARTS PIONEER VINCENT JO - NÉS.



"Being involved with Playla.bz for the the Holst 150 Anniversary has revealed to me how important it is to work collectively across various institutions. I have seen students connect & collaborate with, Museums, Art Gallery's, Artists Musicians, Industrial professionals within a historic & cultural educational context.."

Dinesh Patel, Musician & The Wilson Art Gallery & Museum Resident Artist Alumni

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**VEDIC ASTROLOGY
MULTI-SENSORY "FIRE"
SCENT & POLLINATOR WILD
FLOWER SEEDBALLS**

**A FEEL GOOD
EXPERIMENTAL ESSENTIAL
OILS MULTI-SENSORY
SCENT COLLABORATION -
EXPLORING THE ELLE
FEURTADO BA, SYI THE
PLANETS & THE STARS'
VEDIC ASTROLOGY
READING FOR GUSTAV
HOLST'S 150TH BIRTHDAY
HAPPENINGS.**

PLANETARY

SCENT

**BE THE CHANGE BY
CREATING MINI WILD
"SEEDBALL" PLANETS
THAT PROVIDE VITAL
HABITATS FOR
POLLINATORS.**



"HOWEVER, IN VEDIC ASTROLOGY, HIS CHART IS MAINLY RULED BY FIRE. THEREFORE, I ONLY CHOSE ESSENTIAL OILS WHICH ALSO HELP PROMOTE THE QUALITIES OF THE FIRE ELEMENT. THE RESULT IS A GROUNDED, SPICY BLEND, WHICH PERFECTLY COMPLEMENTS HIS AUTUMNAL BIRTHDAY."

**CLAUDIA MACGREGOR, INNOVATE UK'S YOUNG INNOVATORS SW
WINNER & RENEGADE ECONOMIST**



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A MUSICAL JOURNEY FROM PEACE TO CHAOS BACK TO PEACE IN C#

The Sanskrit Drone Experiment

By The Cheltenham Improvisers Orchestra

**"AN IMMERSIVE
CROSS-CULTURAL
EXPERIENCE WITH MUSIC,
FOOD & DIWALI
CELEBRATIONS, HAS
TAKEN PLACE TO
CELEBRATE THE 150TH**

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BIRTH OF GUSTAV HOLST."
MANNY MASIH,
BBC RADIO**



**"INSPIRATIONAL, FANTASTICAL, INCREDIBLE - I'M
NOT SURE I CAN FIND THE WORDS TO CONVEY
WHAT AN AWESOME EVENING IT WAS!"**

**WE ARE NOT SCIENTISTS PODCAST, IMMERSIVE VISION THEATRE,
PLYMOUTH PLANETARIUM: UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH**

GOOD VIBRATIONS!



DID YOU KNOW THAT HOLST WAS A HIPSTER UPCYCLING SOCIALIST VEGETARIAN RAMBLER, AND THE INDIAN SITAR, A LEAD INSTRUMENT IN OUR EXPLORATIONS, IS CRAFTED FROM A GOURD?

WITH PLAYTRONICA, MIDI SPROUT CREATECH, THE AUDIENCE CAN TOUCH PLANTS, FRUITS & VEGETABLES TO TRANSFORM THEM INTO A SYMPHONY OF ELECTRONIC TONES, FORGING A TACTILE AND SONIC CONNECTION WITH NATURE. NOW, TUNE INTO YOUR INNER ARTIST TO MAGICALLY CONJURE UP FAR OUT ELECTRONIC SONIC SOUNDS BY INTERACTING WITH THE NATURAL WORLD. ANOTHER CREATECH ENHANCED EXPERIENCE WITH SUBPAC, A WEARABLE DEVICE THAT DELIVERS DEEP HAPTIC BASS ADDING EXTRA MULTI-DIMENSIONAL "FEEL IT" GOOD VIBRATIONS.



"REALLY EXCITED FOR THIS COLLABORATION!!! THE COMMUNITY MEAL HAS SOLD OUT!"

REBECCA SILLENCE, VISION 21 & PLANTED PROJECTS MANAGER



**LET'S
CREATE**

**"LET'S CREATE" KNOWLEDGE SHARE
EXPERIENCE DAYS & ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS
AT UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE &
UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH.**

**WITH JAMES EDWARD MARKS /
DINESH PATEL / LORNA INMAN / PROF
ELEANOR DARE / PROF DYLAN YAMADA-RICE
/ LEON TRIMBLE / STEVE SNOOKS**

**"IT'S AN IMMENSELY POWERFUL PROJECT
THAT HAS PROVIDED OUR STUDENTS WITH
INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE
WITH A RANGE OF TECHNOLOGIES, DESIGN
& PRODUCE CONTENT FOR THE PROJECT, &
MAKE IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS WITH
INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF THEIR FUTURE CAREERS."**

**DR MATTHEW LOVETT, ASSOCIATE HEAD SCHOOL OF
CREATIVE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE**





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Inspired by "The Planets"

PLANETOLOGY

"A GUSTAV HOLST SPACE ODYSSEY"

By Manu Agarwal



Feel It!
With SubPac

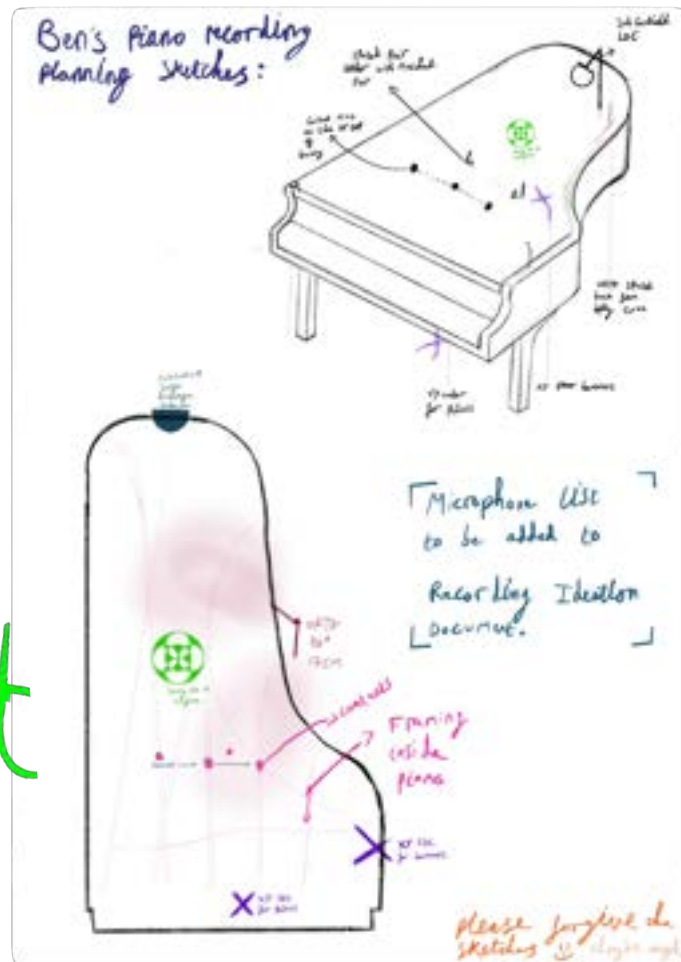
Holst Cybernetic Cloned Voice
360° Stereoscopic Video
Ambisonic Spatial Mix
NASA Sonics



**"MSc SOUND & MUSIC PRODUCTION STUDENT MANU AGARWAL RECORDED 360 VIDEOS OF THE HOLST VICTORIAN HOUSE, WHERE HOLST WAS BORN.."
BBC NEWS**

“I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT WE ARE LARGELY THE RESULT OF OUR SURROUNDINGS AND THAT WE NEVER DO ANYTHING ALONE. EVERYTHING THAT IS WORTH DOING IS THE RESULT OF SEVERAL MINDS PLAYING ON EACH OTHER.”

Gustav Holst



TO PRESERVE A PIECE OF UK MUSICAL HISTORY AND CULTURAL MEMORY OF THE WORLD, WE COLLABORATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S SCHOOL OF CREATIVE ARTS TO METICULOUSLY RECORD THE PRE-LOVED PIANO USED BY HOLST TO COMPOSE 'THE PLANETS.' EACH OF THE 88 KEYS WAS CAPTURED INDIVIDUALLY, PRESERVING THE INSTRUMENT FOR DIGITAL HERITAGE AND ENABLING THE CREATION OF A FUTURE MUSIC PACK.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, CHRIS CUNDY EXPLORED THE HOLST VICTORIAN HOUSE INSIDE AND OUT, CAPTURING ITS UNIQUE SOUNDS AND HARMONIES TO DEVELOP A MAGICAL SPATIAL SOUNDSCAPE. THESE RECORDINGS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HELP CREATE FUTURE WORKS & GIVE FUTURE GENERATIONS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY HOLST'S PIANO & EXPERIENCE HIS EARLY YEARS IN NEW WAYS.



“THE PROJECT HAS BEEN AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE AND WILL AID MY PURSUIT OF BECOMING A CLASSICAL AND FOLK MUSIC RECORDING ENGINEER, A DISCIPLINE I FEEL VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT AND EXCITED TO BEGIN WITHIN MY CURRENT FREELANCE PRACTICE.”
BEN SPRINGALL, UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, SOUND & MUSIC PRODUCTION STUDENT



SPACESHIP EARTH DOME

HOLST SPACESHIP EARTH

THE PLANETS MUSIC

Gustav Holst

Chatty Feet

HOLST SPACESHIP EARTH: FEAST
An interactive cross-cultural experience with music & food
THU 21ST OCT

"AMAZING!"

HEADWAY - THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION:
ACTION FOR BRAIN INJURY WEEK 2025, ABI SURVIVOR

Arts Council England, University of Plymouth,
The Holst Birthplace Trust, PlayLa.bZ CIC & Planet Cheltenham

PRESENTS

Holst
Gustav Holst born 1874
150

04.12.24

5pm - 7pm

FREE ENTRY

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Calling All Earthlings!

**A Cosmic Multi-dimensional Motion Arts Happening
Celebrating Spaceship Earth's Original Musical Starman**

Gustav Holst

**360 Full Dome Multi-Sensory DIY Experiences
Talks, Live Performances, Cybernetic Installations**

Mileece / Laurie Spiegel / Toyah Willcox / Lorna Inman
Raechel Kelly / Laura Kinnear / Dinesh Patel / Leon Trimble
Chris Cundy / Eleanor Dare / Dylan Yamada-Rice / James E.
Marks / Marius Matesan / Ben Springall / Manu Agarwal
Claudia Naylor / WildSpark



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GLoucestershire

Holst
Victorian
House

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THE
WILSON

THE LAB
Design Leads Labs

CHELTEMPHAM

THE
ARTHOUSE

CHATTY
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