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## HOLST • VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

The Composers Conduct

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75:42

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**HOLST: The Planets, Op. 32****42:35**

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| 1 | Mars, the Bringer of War        | 6:12 |
| 2 | Venus, the Bringer of Peace     | 7:19 |
| 3 | Mercury, the Winged Messenger   | 3:33 |
| 4 | Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity | 7:02 |
| 5 | Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age  | 6:58 |
| 6 | Uranus, the Magician            | 5:57 |
| 7 | Neptune, the Mystic             | 5:35 |

London Symphony Orchestra • Gustav Holst

Recorded in 1926, Columbia's Large Studio, Petty France, London

**8 HOLST: Marching Song, Op. 22, No. 2****3:16**

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**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: Symphony No. 4 in F minor****29:51**

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| 9  | Allegro                                  | 8:10 |
| 10 | Andante moderato                         | 8:41 |
| 11 | Scherzo: Allegro molto                   | 5:02 |
| 12 | Finale con epilogo fugato: Allegro molto | 7:57 |

BBC Symphony Orchestra • Ralph Vaughan Williams

Recorded in 1937, EMI Abbey Road Studio No. 1, London

Although neither composer could claim to be a natural-born conductor, these landmark recordings of Holst's *The Planets* and Vaughan Williams's *Symphony No. 4* offer undimmed and thrilling recorded testaments. Holst's way with *The Planets* is notably direct and swift of tempo. The resulting freshness and energy, together with a refusal to linger or indulge the music, are striking by comparison with many slower, present day performances. One of only a handful of commercial recordings with Vaughan Williams at the helm, this galvanising 1937 performance of his *Symphony No. 4* unleashes a visceral force unmatched by later recordings of the work.

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A detailed tracklist can be found in the booklet.

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