

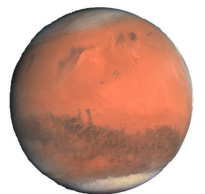
Gustav Holst

(GOO-stahv HOLST)

1874 - 1934



- Born in England, Holst was from a musical family. His father was his first piano teacher.
- By age 17 he was conducting local village choirs.
- He also played the violin and trombone, and went to the Royal College of Music in London.
- In addition to performing, Holst also taught music. His biggest challenge was to make time for composing, which was his favorite thing to do.
- Holst's most famous composition is "The Planets". This music has been adapted for marching band, percussion ensembles, rock bands, Playstation, and The Simpsons.
- Holst composed over 200 works ranging from ballets, to choral pieces and vocal solos, to orchestral and chamber works, incidental works and operas, and even a film score.



Listen to Mvt 4 Jupiter from "The Planets"