

# Opera and the Universe

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**1. Which famous opera composer has an asteroid named 1862 Apollo orbiting the Sun?**

A) Giuseppe Verdi

**B) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

C) Giacomo Puccini

D) Richard Wagner

**2. The opera 'Galileo Galilei' by Philip Glass depicts the life of which famous astronomer?**

A) Nicolaus Copernicus

**B) Galileo Galilei**

C) Johannes Kepler

D) Isaac Newton

**3. In Gustav Holst's 'The Planets' (often performed with operatic vocal lines), which planet is represented by the movement 'The Bringer of War'?**

**A) Mars**

B) Venus

C) Jupiter

D) Saturn

**4. Which planet, known for its rings, shares its name with the title of an opera by Richard Wagner?**

**A) Saturn**

B) Neptune

C) Uranus

D) Jupiter

**5. The 'Moon' is a recurring theme in opera; which natural satellite of Earth is the subject of the opera 'Rusalka's' famous 'Song to the Moon'?**

A) Phobos

**B) The Moon**

C) Titan

D) Europa

**6. Which gas giant, the largest in our solar system, shares its name with the king of the gods featured in many classical operas based on mythology?**

**A) Jupiter**

B) Mars

C) Venus

D) Saturn

**7. 'Doctor Atomic' is an opera that references the physics behind the Sun's energy, which is primarily produced by what process?**

**A) Nuclear fusion**

B) Chemical combustion

C) Evaporation

D) Photosynthesis

**8. Which dwarf planet, located in the Kuiper belt, is named after a figure from the same Roman mythology often explored in Baroque opera?**

**A) Pluto**

B) Eris

C) Makemake

D) Ceres