

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