

Solar System

Astronomical Suite

for

Horn Duet

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Movements

I. The Sun, Our Yellow Dwarf Star

II. Mercury

III. Venus, the Evening Star

IV. Earth, the Cradle of Life

V. Mars, the Red Planet

VI. Jupiter, the Giant Planet

VII. Saturn, the Ringed Planet

VIII. Uranus

IX. Neptune

X. Pluto, the Orphan Planet!

to Marline D'angelo

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I. The Sun, Our Yellow Dwarf Star

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Shining $\text{♩} = 130$

Horn in F

I

II

pp cresc.

Hn.

II

ff

I

Hn.

II

ff

I

Hn.

II

mf

ff

I

Hn.

II

mf ff mf etc.

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II. Mercury

Dry $\text{♩} = 100$
Muted (Straight)

I Horn in F II

Muted (Straight)

I Hn. II

p cresc.

I Hn. II

f cresc.

13 I Hn. II

f etc.

Detailed description: The musical score is for two parts of a horn in F. It features four systems of music. System 1 starts with a dry eighth-note pattern at a tempo of 100, marked 'mf'. The instruction 'Dry ♩ = 100' is above the staff, and 'Muted (Straight)' is written twice below it. System 2 follows with a muted eighth-note pattern at a forte dynamic, marked 'f'. System 3 continues with a dry eighth-note pattern at a piano dynamic, with 'p' and 'cresc.' markings. System 4 concludes with another dry eighth-note pattern at a forte dynamic, also with 'f' and 'cresc.' markings. Measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 are placed above the staves to indicate the progression. The score ends with an 'etc.' symbol.

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III. Venus, the Evening Star

Horn in F

I II

Luminous $\bullet = 70$
 Open cresc.
 p f

Hn. Hn.

I II

ff mp
 ff dim. p

I II

cresc. cresc.

I II

f dim. etc.

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IV. Earth, the Cradle of Life

Warmly $\bullet = 60$

I
Horn in F

II

I
Hn.

II

I
Hn.

II

13

I
Hn.

II

cresc.

I
Hn.

II

cresc.

19

I
Hn.

II

etc.

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V. Mars, the Red Planet

Dull ♩ = 60

Horn in F

I II

pp cresc.

mf

pp cresc.

mf

I II

mf mp p

mf mp p

I II

f f

dim. dim.

I II

Stopped +
mp
Stopped +
etc.

pp mp

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VI. Jupiter, the Giant Planet

Brilliant $\sigma = 90$

I
Horn in F

II

Hn.

I

II

Hn.

I

II

Hn.

I

II

Hn.

I

II

etc.

13

ff

f

f

f

The musical score consists of four systems of music for two horns in F major. The key signature is one flat. The time signature is 3/2 throughout. Measure 1: Horn I starts with a forte dynamic (f) and a dotted half note. Measure 2: Horn II enters with a dynamic sf and a melodic line. Measures 3-4: Horn I has sustained notes with grace notes. Horn II has sustained notes with grace notes. Measure 5: Horn I begins a sustained note with grace notes. Measure 6: Horn II begins a sustained note with grace notes. Measures 7-8: Horn I has sustained notes with grace notes. Horn II has sustained notes with grace notes. Measure 9: Horn I begins a sustained note with grace notes. Measure 10: Horn II begins a sustained note with grace notes. Measures 11-12: Horn I has sustained notes with grace notes. Horn II has sustained notes with grace notes. Measure 13: Both horns play a dynamic ff. Measures 14-15: Both horns play a dynamic f. Measures 16-17: Both horns play a dynamic f. The score concludes with an instruction "etc."

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VII. Saturn, the Ringed Planet

Bright $\bullet = 120$

I Horn in F II

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I Hn. II

I Hn. II

I Hn. II

13

I Hn. II

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

etc.

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VIII. Uranus

Dark $\text{♩} = 60$

I
 Horn in F

II

dim.
 ff

I
 Hn.

II

ff

I
 Hn.

II

11

I
 Hn.

II

16

I
 Hn.

II

etc.
 f
 dim.
 dim.

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IX. Neptune

Sinister ♩ = 120

I Horn in F II

Horn in F: *mp*, cresc.

II: *mp*, cresc.

I Hn. II

Hn.: *f*

II: *f*

I Hn. II

Hn.: *sf*

II: *sf*

I Hn. II

Hn.: *mf*

II: *mf*

etc.

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X. Pluto, the Orphan Planet!

Gloomy $\text{♩} = 120$

I Horn in F II

Hn. II

I Hn. II

I Hn. II

etc.