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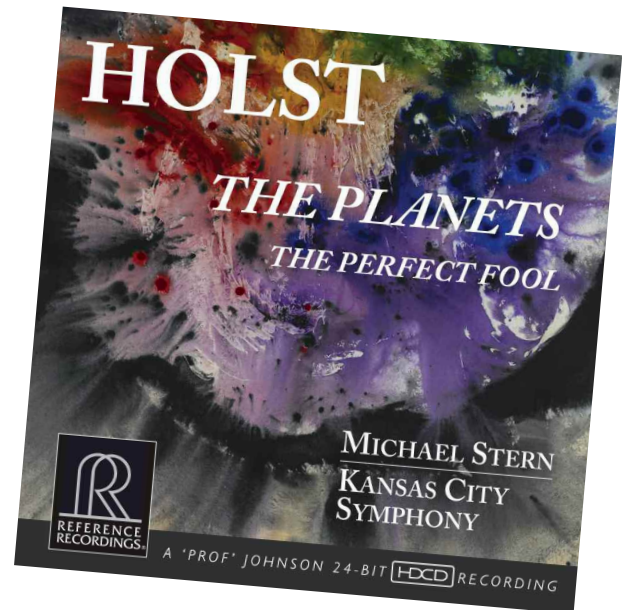
THE PLANETS

THE PERFECT FOOL

MICHAEL STERN

KANSAS CITY
SYMPHONY

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- 1 Mars, the Bringer of War 7:41
- 2 Venus, the Bringer of Peace 8:19
- 3 Mercury, the Winged Messenger 3:54
- 4 Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity 8:23
- 5 Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age 9:26
- 6 Uranus, the Magician 5:52
- 7 Neptune, the Mystic 7:08

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- 8 Ballet Music from *The Perfect Fool* 10:39
 - Andante (invocation)
 - Dance of Spirits of Earth
 - Dance of Spirits of Water
 - Dance of Spirits of Fire

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