

Voyagers: A Dance Among the Planets Storyboard

This performance is approximately 60 minutes long with no intermission.



Each piece of music during this performance represents a different planet. Each planet has a different personality. The musicians and dancers express these personalities through their movement and music.

Animations are projected onto the stage and the walls of the theater throughout the performance. Sometimes the projections look like you are flying through space, sometimes the projections make it seem like you are on a planet.

The performance begins on the Moon, the Ruler of Emotions, with a solo piano and dancer. The stage is very dark.

After the Moon, you travel to Mars. Animations make it seem like you are flying through space as stars pass by on the stage and on the walls on each side of the theater.



Mars represents the Bringer of War. The stage and animations are bright red and orange. The music for Mars is very intense and can be loud. Smoke effects are used on stage.

After the scene on Mars, an off-stage narrator explains which planet you will travel to next as well as what personality they represent.

Venus, the Bringer of Peace, is the next planet. The lighting and projections look like hazy purple clouds. The music is softer and slower.



Mercury is the Winged Messenger. A large red and orange projection of the sun starts on stage and slowly moves onto the wall on the right side of the theater. A lot of horns play during this movement. Smoke effects are used.



Jupiter is the Bringer of Jollity. There is a close-up projection of Jupiter. The view slowly zooms out to reveal the entire planet. The lights on stage are yellow and blue and the projections on the walls are of stars drifting by. The music is very grand and the piece ends with a loud chord.

The next planet is Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age. The planet is golden orange and its rings are projected on the walls of the theater. You will see a smoke effect that looks like a thin cloud covering the stage. A dancer makes her way off of the stage and through the aisle on the lower half of the theater. Another performer holds a small spotlight on the dancer.



The narrator announces that you are traveling to Uranus and Neptune.

Uranus is the Magician. A light blue planet is projected onto stage and stars are projected on the walls. There will be orange lighting on the stage floor.



Neptune is called The Mystic. You have moved to Neptune when you see what look like blue and white clouds on stage. Blue water-like ripples are projected onto the walls of the theater. At the end of the movement, it snows on stage.

After Neptune, you zoom back through the galaxy until you are back on Earth, the Place We Call Home. The dancers bring a telescope onto the stage to gaze at the stars.



Short audio clips play. The first is from Carl Sagan's *Pale Blue Dot* and the second is the voice of Neil Armstrong when he landed the moon. The band ends the performance with a large chord.

The End