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Program

Music Of The Spheres...............................................................Logan Neifert
I. Sol
II. Saturn
III. Neptune
IV. Jupiter
V. Venus

INTERMISSION

Yes or No..............................................................................Wayne Shorter

Final Thought.................................................................Kamasi Washington

About the Artist

Logan Neifert is a senior pursuing a degree in Jazz Studies and Saxophone Performance here at UNI, under the direction of Dr. Ann Bradfield and Professor Chris Merz. During his time at UNI, he has been involved in the UNI Wind Ensemble, Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band One, Panther Marching Band, saxophone quartet and jazz combo. He has also studied under and collaborated with artists such as Melissa Aldana, Anat Cohen, Dave Camwell, Brian Rodesch, and Marcus Strickland. Logan was additionally a finalist in the 2023 Emerging Artist and Concerto Competitions. This semester, Logan has been involved in the UNI Community Music School, serving as the saxophone instructor for the New Horizons Band. In his free time, he enjoys baking exotic goods and spending quality time with his dogs, Charlie and Seamus. After graduating this spring, Logan will be joining the United States Navy as a saxophonist in their fleet band program.

Music Of The Spheres

The Greek philosopher Pythagorus theorized that, like all other objects in motion, the celestial bodies generated a certain sound. These sounds together form one harmony- a music of the spheres. While modern science of course proves this theory wrong, I’ve always been fascinated by it on a figurative level, and wanted to create a musical realization of it. These 5 movements are all inspired by radio wave emissions of the planets captured by NASA that have been converted into sound waves. You can listen to them yourself by scanning the QR code below. This has been a fun project to put together, and I hope you enjoy!