

ALBUMS

HOLST – THE PLANETS

Buzz [brass] & Mélanie Barney [organ]
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Buzz and organist Mélanie Barney unite to offer a personalized version of *The Planets*. This true icon of the symphonic repertoire that made English composer Gustav Holst famous, depicts the astrological personality of seven planets in the solar system. Let the sound of the organ and the brass take you away on a majestic interplanetary voyage!

Previously known for its multidisciplinary productions and educational performances, Buzz affirms its rigorous artistic choices in this third recording and establishes its inherent musical quality.



BUZZ
FIRST ALBUM

This first CD recorded by Buzz, released on October 11, 2005, draws from the repertoire of traditional folk music. It mixes traditional French-speaking tunes in a tribute to three giants of Quebecois music — Gilles Vigneault, Félix Leclerc, and Mary Travers (also known as La Bolduc) — as well as a few works from the brass quintet repertoire.



BUZZ
CHRISTMAS ALBUM

A second Buzz CD, entitled *Noël*, was released on November 21, 2006. The production of this festive yet touching album finds Buzz surrounded by a choir of twelve singers and three musicians — a harpist, a timpanist and percussionist — all conducted by the reputable Julian Wachner.

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT?

In the fall of 2002, Sylvain Lapointe launched Buzz whose mission is to promote chamber music for brass ensemble. In addition to varied musical projects, Buzz offers multidisciplinary shows, educational performances and recordings aimed at a large audience.

Buzz consists of two trumpets, a horn, a trombone and a bass trombone. In addition to carefully selected classics from the musical repertoire for brass quintet, the musicians perform their original compositions and exclusive arrangements. Buzz turns every show into a surprising, dazzling, enticing experience for all audiences!

BUZZ'S MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS UP TO NOW

- 500 concerts and musitheatrical shows presented all over Quebec, Ontario and the Canadian Maritime Provinces;
- 250 primary and secondary schools visited;
- Many celebrated appearances in cultural institutions such as the city of Montreal's *Maisons de la culture* network, the *Palais Montcalm* in Québec City, the Hector-Charland Theatre and the Orford Art Centre, among numerous others;
- 100,000 spectators reached;

In 2010, Buzz will start a tour of shows in Western Canada.

- OPUS Prize 2007 – Production of the Year / Young Audiences for the show *UnBUZZlievable! The History of Music*. (Other finalists had included, among others, both the *Orchestre symphonique de Montréal* and the chamber group *I Musici de Montréal*);
- Three critically-acclaimed albums;
- Several musical performances broadcast on radio and television;
- A performance at the Louvre in Paris, France, as part of *Musicora 2008*.

THE FIVE BUZZ MEMBERS



SYLVAIN LAPOINTE
artistic director / trumpet



FRÉDÉRIC GAGNON
principal trumpet



JASON DE CARUFEL
trombone



SYLVAIN ARSENEAU
bass trombone



PASCAL LAFRENIÈRE
horn



GENERAL AUDIENCE PERFORMANCES

Buzz offers a musical repertoire encompassing many styles and periods. The ensemble's arrangements for brass quintet give every work presented an original cachet.

Buzz is not set in its ways. It can add new musicians, additional instruments and perform with other ensembles, depending on the shows. This is how organ and brass intertwine in Gustav Holst's *Planets* and how a choir breathes magic into the Christmas Concert.

CONCERTS

1 // THE PLANETS – BRASS AND ORGAN

Buzz and organist Mélanie Barney unite to offer a personalized version of *The Planets*. This true icon of the symphonic repertoire that made English composer Gustav Holst famous, depicts the astrological personality of each planet in the solar system, except for the Earth:

- Mars, the Bringer of War
- Venus, the Bringer of Peace
- Mercury, the Winged Messenger
- Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity
- Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age
- Uranus, the Magician
- Neptune, the Mystic

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2 // CONCERT "À LA CARTE" – BRASS QUINTET

Buzz's extensive repertoire includes an engaging blend of musical styles from the Renaissance (1453–1600) to the present. Whether you prefer works by Giovanni Gabrieli, Johann Sebastian Bach or Duke Ellington, we can arrange a concert program that meets your needs and expectations.

3 // A SPARKLING CHRISTMAS – BRASS AND CHOIR

At the heart of many musical projects available at Christmas, Buzz's concert stands out. This festive yet moving mix of voice and brass embodies the magic of the season. In this wide sample of traditional Christmas carols and inspired works, a place of honour is given to Quebec folklore, a sign of its importance to Buzz. Mystery and enchantment are the gifts that Buzz brings to its audience.