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News Release

NSO Announces Murray Lefebvre as RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for 2022-23

The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra is delighted to announce that Murray Lefebvre has been chosen as the RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for the 2022-23 season.

“We always look forward each season to the process of selecting and welcoming our RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for the season, and this year is no exception,” said Marc David, Music Director and Principal Conductor of the NSO. “We were delighted to receive Murray’s application and see his impressive resume. He will bring fresh perspectives and his skills as a young conductor to the orchestra this season. I am confident that both he and the NSO will gain a lot from working together.”

In addition, through the fellowship, the emerging artist will have the opportunity to work with established local professional musicians and celebrated guest artists.

Mr. Lefebvre will hold the position of RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for the 2022-23 season. In addition to working with the NSO, he will also support the educational work of the orchestra, assisting with upcoming educational projects this spring.

“I am really excited to get started working with Marc, and being a part of the NSO team this Fall,” said Mr. Lefebvre. “This fellowship experience is the culmination of many years of work and study as I have built towards a career of teaching and conducting, and I look forward to everything I will learn this season. Many thanks to the RBC Foundation and Memorial University’s School of Music for their support of this innovative program.”

Stay tuned for information on where and when Mr. Lefebvre will take the podium to conduct the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra. This program is made possible through the generous support of the RBC Foundation and Memorial University’s School of Music.

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Murray Lefebvre (he/him) - BMus, BEd, OCT

Murray Lefebvre (pronounced Le-FAVE) is a current MMus student in Instrumental Conducting at Memorial University where he studies with Bill Brennan, and is an Ontario Certified Teacher. He previously obtained degrees in Music and Education from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Murray has a strong passion for music and geographic education in schools and the community.

Murray has previously held the title of music director with the Queen's University Concert Orchestra, and has had conducting engagements with the Kingston Youth Orchestra, Kawartha Youth Orchestra, and the Kingston Chapter of the Canadian Military Wives' Choir. Murray has also worked with music programs in schools across Ontario; giving clarinet masterclasses and supporting students as a student teacher.

Murray has been recognized for his passions and hard work as the recipient of the Don Wright Scholarship in Music Education, and the Kenneth G. Murray Making a Difference Through Music Award during his time at Queen's University.

Murray is excited to begin working with the NSO and learn from their dedicated and hard working group of experienced musicians.