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NSO Announces Savanna Muscat as RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for 2024-25

The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra is delighted to announce that Savanna Muscat has been chosen as the RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for the 2024-25 season.

"I am delighted that once again we are able to bring a young conductor in to work with the NSO and myself, as RBC Emerging Artist Conductor," said Marc David, Music Director and Principal Conductor of the NSO. "In particular this year will be special for me as it is my last year as Music Director & Principal Conductor with the NSO. In meeting Savanna, I know that they will get a lot out of this experience working with our orchestra, and I look forward to working with them all year."

Savanna will hold the position of RBC Emerging Artist Conductor for the 2024-25 season. In addition to working with the NSO, they will also support the educational work of the orchestra, assisting with upcoming educational projects this spring. Through the fellowship, the emerging artist will have the opportunity to work with established local professional musicians and celebrated guest artists.

"I am excited and thankful to both the RBC Foundation and the NSO for this opportunity. Getting the chance to work with a professional orchestra as I continue to seek additional studies, and to gain valuable insight from Maestro Marc will help me develop as a professional artist," said Savanna. "I would like to thank Memorial University School of Music for their continued support of this program, as well as my professors and mentors who have helped guide me during the early stages of my conducting career."

During the NSO's Spring Pops: Toon Tunes on April 4, 2025 Savanna 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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Savanna Muscat (they/them)

Savanna Muscat was born and raised in Windsor, Ontario. They have previously completed degrees at the University of Windsor with a Bachelor of Music in Education in Euphonium and Classical Voice, and a Masters in Instrumental Conducting at Memorial University under the direction of Bill Brennan. Their love for conducting was sparked during their Bachelor's degree and has continued to grow.

During their musical career, Savanna has performed many times in the communities of Windsor and St. John's. Highlights include touring with Mid-America Productions to perform at Carnegie Hall; leading a local Queen Tribute called The Champions; performing in choral masterworks with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra; lead trumpet in the pit band of local Broadway productions; and solo euphonium features with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra.

Aside from performing, Savanna has been teaching music for over 8 years. They developed a love for teaching students privately, in the school system, and in the military. They have led many military music workshops and ensemble sectionals, aiming to improve individual and group musicality. Educating students of all ages has inspired a renewed love of music, which they hope to continue to share with the world.

Savanna is excited to work with Maestro David and the NSO this season, and cannot wait to create musical experiences together.