

Barbara Young and Katharine Rajczak attend TSO world premiere of SSO Principal Conductor William Rowson's fanfare

On April 6 I attended the world premiere performance of William Rowson's composition, **Fanfare: Sesquie for Canada's 150th**.

The TSO asked orchestras across our nation to choose and co-commission a composer with whom they felt an affinity. Bill was selected by the Sudbury Symphony Orchestra and the work has also been performed there.

Bill's piece is exciting, filled with images of mountains, water and the duality of city/country as well as snippets of "O Canada."

Bill feels he was inspired by his 2016 move and drive from Toronto to Vancouver. There is also a sense of playfulness and energy that suggests we know how to laugh at ourselves.

Congratulations, Maestro. We are fortunate to have you as our principal conductor.

The performance was recorded and will be available at tso.ca/CanadaMosaic

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I enjoyed the piece immensely and on behalf of the Board we congratulate him on the honour and achievement.

Katharine Rajczak
President, SSO Board