

Bernard Rands, professor of music, will be guest conductor of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. Rands will be conducting his composition "Madrigali"

March 7, 1983

Bernard Rands, professor of music at the University of California, San Diego, will be the guest conductor of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra on March 24, 25 and 27 at the Civic Theatre.

Rands will direct the symphony in "Madrigali," his own composition which was commissioned by the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, D.C. "Madrigali" is an orchestral work based on Monteverdi's "Eighth Book of Madrigals." It was first performed in Kennedy Center in May 1977.

Rands has recently received several honors. He has been chosen by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters to receive an award "in recognition of his creative work in music," to be presented at its annual ceremony in New York in May.

In January, Rands was given a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest amount ever awarded to an individual for music composition. He currently has a fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation to compose a work he is titling "Canti del Sole." He has also received a commission from the BBC to write a new work for chorus and orchestra, which will be presented in 1984 in Europe during "Euroyear."

Last summer Rands and John Cage were the only two composers from the United States invited to participate in "Music Today," a festival of contemporary music held in Tokyo.

Rands was born in Sheffield, England. He received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the University of Wales, and later studied with Dallapiccola, Berio, Boulez and Maderna. His compositions have been performed at most of the world's major music festivals, including Venice, Warsaw, Paris, Darmstadt, Aspen, Prague and at the IRCAM Institute in Paris.

The San Diego Symphony performances featuring Rands as guest conductor are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24; 8 p.m. on Friday, March 25; and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 27. At each performance David Atherton will also conduct the orchestra in Dvorak's Violin Concerto (with violinist Mark Kaplan) and Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra." For ticket information phone the San Diego Symphony at (619) 239-9721.

For more information contact: Jan Seagrave, 452-3120

(March 7, 1983)