

"Canti del Sole," a new composition by Bernard Rands, to have its world premiere performance by Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic

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A new composition by Bernard Rands, professor of music at the University of California, San Diego, will be given its world premiere performance by Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic on Wednesday, June 8, in New York.

"Canti del Sole," Rands' newest score, forms the first part of a large-scale work which includes his "Canti Lunatici," first performed at UCSD in 1979. "Canti del Sole" ("Songs of the Sun") is scored for tenor and orchestra. Tenor Paul Sperry will be the soloist at the June 8 performance. This composition was completed with the support of a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship.

Rands, a member of the UCSD faculty since 1975, made his local debut with the San Diego Symphony last March when he conducted the orchestra in his composition "Madrigali." He has been invited to conduct the symphony again next year.

On May 18, Rands was presented an award "in recognition of his creative work in music" by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters at its annual ceremonial.

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