



March 28, 2017

Mr. Jason Hall
Via email: jason.hall.music@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Hall

On behalf of the University of British Columbia, I am writing with warm congratulations on the completion and upcoming performance of "Refuge", as part of the Tárogató Project – a concert of Hungarian music and stories.

It is my understanding that a vital part of this concert will be the story of the group of students and professors from the University of Sopron who fled Hungary during the Soviet occupation of 1956 and found a home at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Forestry. This story is one of the most remarkable narratives in UBC's 100 year history. That UBC opened its arms to welcome more than 200 Hungarian refugees and afforded them the opportunity to study forestry here speaks to the Canadian spirit of generosity, imagination, and compassion. However, the real story here is the legacy that these students imprinted on forest practices in British Columbia. Armed with their knowledge of European forest practices, these students brought a conservation ethic to their professional careers and helped position British Columbia as a world leader in sustainable forestry and forest practices.

This legacy is something that UBC is very proud of and one that we cherish and celebrate. For this reason, we are very grateful that this story resonated with you and compelled you to compose and perform this musical piece.

Congratulations once again on this tremendous accomplishment, and my best wishes for all your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Santa'.

Santa J. Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor