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Benjamin Britten

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### Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

### Keywords

Henri Temianka, Benjamin Britten, August 26, 1970, virtuosity in musical performance, culture, violinist, violin, chamber music, camaraderie, musical recordings, concert tours, orchestra, injury, hospital, musical notation

THE RED HOUSE, ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.

26th August 1970

Dear Mr. Temianka,

Thank you for your nice letter of August 15th. I was delighted to hear that you have 'clocked up' 200 performances of my works - that is a remarkable achievement, and I do send you a composer's warm thanks.

I note that you will be in Europe this autumn and would like to have a meeting to discuss a project with me. Unfortunately this time is completely impossible for me. I am 'up to my eyes' in professional work and have to spend the month of October either in hospital or recovering from a minor operation. I am sorry to have to write this and you will understand, I know, that only a very difficult situation would compel me to do it. Perhaps you could write a little more fully as to what your project really is. I would remind you, however, that I spend a great deal of time these days recording my own works in what should be an authoritative version. I do not see that I can do more than notate my music as accurately as possible, and provide as many personal recordings that I have time for; but if you have other suggestions I would be most interested to learn what they are as I am sure they will be most sympathetic.

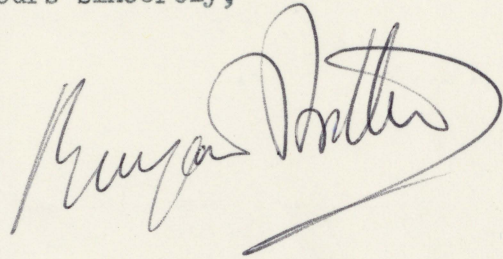
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May I say again how much I appreciate your fine efforts  
on behalf of my music.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Guya Walter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Yours sincerely,".

Mr. Henri Temianka,  
C/o Hotel Standard,  
Norrköping,  
Sweden.