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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.

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My dear maestro,

I received a tape with the recording of my 15th Symphony. Thank you very much!

In general the performance is wonderful.

And I'd like to thank you warmly for it.

I greatly appreciate the work of all members of the California chamber orchestra, and of course, the high quality of Christine Kroskus & Thomas Johnson.

If you ever perform again my 14th Symphony, please note my following remarks:

In two bell beats before 47 the fermato is too long.

47 -too slow, please follow the metronome = 108
65-too slow, follow the metronome = 144
73,5th bar, last xylophone note G
evidently, occasional blunder.

Paise before 81 too long, please almost attacca.

Christine Kroscos sings beautifully the 6 part,
but from 84 till 86 it must be more histerical
88,6th bar -why the bass play an octave below?

They must play an octave/and not two octaves/
below the cellos.

91 87 ,maybe it's due to the recording but it seems you play too low untill 96.

Before 117 the pause lasts too much.

117 -too slow, right would be 1 = 76

before 124 pause lasts too much

138 4th bar With the seventh **x**

quaver of this bar the strings must begin

very low in order to do a great crescendo

before the end of the Symphony. Besides they

have to begin tenute.

If you take into consideration all my remarks it seems to me, that the performance would be even better.

With my very best wishes

Dmitry Shostakovitch

Illa sanofina