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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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April 2, 1986

Maestro Leonard Bernstein 205 W. 57th Street New York, NY 10019

My Dear Lennie:

I watched and heard your performance of Haydn's War Mass on television the other night and was awestruck, as so often before, by your hypnotic power to command total concentration and commitment from every last one of your performers. It was a memorable experience. Viewed on the screen, the setting was spectacular. Infinite possibilities must lie ahead for the performance of many other masterpieces in their original settings.

On Tuesday, October 14 of this year, our dear friend Isaac Stern will be on hand to participate in celebrating my 80th birthday in Los Angeles, in a bash that promises to exceed the wildest extravaganzas in recorded history. In order to make sure that that promise is indeed fulfilled, your luminous presence is almost a basic requirement. Since I was the Curtis Institute's first graduate, and a protege of Josef Hofmann, who sponsored my New York debut and first European performances, it would be all the more meaningful if you could be with us.

With warmest regards,

Yours always,

Henri Temianka