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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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May 23, 1974

Dear Henri:

I've been studying the problem of the program and believe it can be simplified to a certain extent by removing the DANCE PANELS and substituting MUSIC FOR THE THEATRE, (1925), (duration, 22 minutes), the movements being:

1 - Prologue 2 - Dance 3 - Interlude 4 - Burlesque

5 - Epilogue
The instrumentation is a follows: 1 fl (doubles picc),
1 ob (doubles English horn), 1 cl, 1 bn, 2 trps, 1 trb,
1 perc, piano and strings.

I have made a careful calculation of the instrumentalists needed for the complete program and, squeeze as I will, I'm afraid I cannot come to a figure less than 35 players in all. These would be made up of 1 fl (doubles picc), l ob (doubles English horn), l cl, l bn, l hn, 2 trps, l trb, l perc, harp, piano and 23 strings in the following combination: 8-6-4-3-2.

Perhaps I should add that the NONET FOR STRINGS should be prepared as a chamber music work, since the parts are difficult and I doubt whether the piece can be prepared in the regular was with the limitation of three rehearsals. Otherwise, I see no complications.

Naturally I would hope that you would engage an excellent baritone for the OLD AMERICAN SONGS. I might add that all the works are available through Boosey & Hawkes.

I hope to hear from you soon.

As ever,

Mr. Henri Temianka Chamber Symphony Society of California Los Angeles, California

* I would of course conduct the final researchs and ferformance