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Description

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Dear Henri,

Only the deepest friendship could produce the autobiographical memoir (for such it is) you sent about your favorite jazz and classic pieces. The three Mozart piano concertos speak to my own preferences. We have two of the three (18 and 20) and will order K482 immediately. Am I right in thinking that Mozart has not done very much in Eb?

Now, while we are on the general subject, I'm eager to hear about your favorite Chopin piano pieces. My own preferences run to Op.28, A Flat Major, and Fantasi Op.45. The concertos light up my soul. I'm not sure whether I am more taken with the melodious quality or the dynamics. Either way, they are a thoroughly gratifying experience.

Except for the Brubeck and Miles Davis, I am completely out of my depth on your jazz items. I need a lot of education, or perhaps indoctrination, on the subject.

I learn a great deal from you and thank you.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman".

Norman Cousins