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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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# Harry A. Duffy

## Violins, inc.

August 23, 1974

Mr. Henri Temianka  
2373 Westwood Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90064

Dear Mr. Temianka,

I have just finished reading your book *FACING THE MUSIC*, and as one of your probably long-forgotten students (I took a few lessons from you in San Francisco circa 1940), I wish to compliment you on writing a work which is felicitous, witty, and most informative.

It was in San Jose, California, that I first heard your name. Mrs. Edith Sheller, a little gray haired violin teacher who was an acquaintance of mine, was extolling your virtues as a violinist and teacher whose native tongue was not English. In the course of a conversation, which somehow involved how articulate were your explanations of violinistic problems and cures, she asserted "He speaks better English than you do!" Having just graduated from college -- U. C. Berkeley 1939 -- (long before those days of infamy) -- and at an age when I was smarter than ever before or since, I remember thinking to myself "Oh, Yeah? I wonder!!"

After three and a half decades, you may be interested to learn that you have completely vindicated and proven yourself -- but very few, and certainly not I, could write so charmingly and entertainingly!

Thanks for a book which has given me much pleasure and many chuckles; we shall heartily recommend it to our customers.

Very sincerely,

Harry A. Duffy

*Answered*  
*Aug. 29*

HARRY A. DUFFY VIOLINS, INCORPORATED

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