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May 13, 1969

Maestro Henri Temianka, Conductor California Chamber Symphony UCLA Royal Hall 6715 Hollywood Blvd. - Suite 234 Los Angeles, California 90028

Dear Maestro:

The season 1970-71 heralds the 30th Anniversary of my New York debut and also my 49th birthday.

Since I'm rapidly becoming the grand old man of American pianists, I do hope you will help me celebrate this anniversary year in the way my friends have always hoped it should be celebrated.

During these three decades of performing before audiences on six continents, I have yet to join the "youth cult". I still wear the conventional white tie and tails and my only concern is to play well and bring pleasure to the public through the masterworks of the piano repertoire.

It would indeed delight me to join your series during my anniversary year, and to make music in the best way I know how. I promise no velvet bell-bottom trousers, flailing hands nor bobbing head, just a rewarding evening of piano playing.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Abbey Simon