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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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February 8, 1986

Mr. Henri Temianka
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Dear Mr. Temianka,

I have often heard and enjoyed your California Virtuosi Orchestra.

I offer for your consideration my new work, "BEAUTY & THE BEAST."

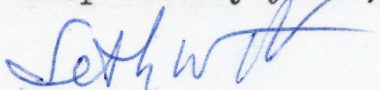
I have scored this piece for orchestra and narrator, and also for two pianos, percussion and narrator. The latter version is here represented. Its duration is twenty-four minutes, and the work has been successfully performed in public.

As so many others, I grew up with "PETER AND THE WOLF." And I love it dearly. The cartoon to the contrary, I would be the last person to suggest that it be put on a shelf. But I believe that "Beauty and the Beast" has something to offer audiences of all ages and deserves to be heard.

Twentieth-century methods are used in both of my scores, yet the music is accessible for children. Since the narration was not amplified at the rehearsal recorded here, I over-dubbed my voice to make the text audible.

If we are to have future audiences of serious-music-lovers, we must have more music tailored to the young people of today. I would be most honored to have you conduct this work of mine.

Respectfully yours,



Seth Wittner
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