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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.

### Keywords

Henri Temianka, culture, virtuosity in musical performance, violinist, chamber music, camaraderie, press, July 23, 1969, music education



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Times Mirror Square  
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Yours sincerely,

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