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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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Things are going well here. One thing that troubles me is the fact that, with all these surprise performances and auditions, I have no time to learn new repertoire. I am giving serious thought to staying home this summer and learning new pieces and with the exception of June 16th, turning down concert engagements. Please let me know, as soon as you are certain, what your plans are this summer - if I don't decide to go to Aspen, I will most definitely follow you everywhere! I really do miss you a lot.

I will be home during the month of April and hopefully I will have more time to spend with you. And hopefully I won't get sick again! I've been sick enough in the last few months to last me a lifetime!

I just realized that I didn't call you as I had planned to January 25th to wish Emmy and you a happy anniversary. Well my congratulations are late, but still I wish for you many more happy years together...

Love always,

Kira

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