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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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December 16, 1981

Mr. Charlton Heston 2859 Coldwater Canyon Beverly Hills, California 90210

· Dear Chuck,

Last night I was Schell-shocked by the belated discovery that, as a symphony conductor, you are in a league with the best of us. And few, if any, could match such a broad range of expertise in Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, and Tchaikovsky.

I hereby extend a cordial invitation for you to guest conduct the California Chamber Symphony, with the solemn pledge that anyone will be shot at sight who disrupts your performance by climbing through the roof or playing the "Star Spangled Banner" on a trombone in the wrong tempo.

The Battle of the Bulge was a piece of cake compared to the present crisis of the California Chamber Symphony, for at the end of this season Royce Hall will be closed for restoration, and we must find another roof over our heads. I understand that you are not at this time on the Board of Governors of the Academy Awards Theater; but I am hoping that you might be able to give me some behind-the-scenes guidance as to how to approach the Board of the AAT for consent to use the theater for perhaps four concerts in the course of the 1982-83 concert season. We would, of course, pay the required fee.

Some months ago I had a promising talk with Dan Ross, the manager, but ultimately there was some reluctance to make a commitment many months in advance, which is what we need. I would really be grateful if we could talk about this in person, at your early convenience.

With warmest wishes for the New Year to you and lovely Lydia.

Yours ever,

Henri Temianka

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