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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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Dear H -

Your phone call last night reminded me that I hadn't sent you & Fanny this account of the John Scott Award - one of the two most prestigious given by the City of Philadelphia.

So here it is.

I'd have to rent a turf because the one I had for 25 years (and was only 5 or 6 times) got stolen in my bag at Penn Sta. last year. I don't know when the Award will be made but it will be some time this fall. It was for the 140 business (1/2 century ago!)

Yrs
J

The John Scott Award

The John Scott Award is given to "the most deserving" men and women whose inventions have contributed in some outstanding way to the "comfort, welfare and happiness" of mankind.

The donor, John Scott, was an Edinburgh druggist who in the early 1800's set up a fund calling upon the "Corporation of Philadelphia entrusted with the management of Dr. Franklin's legacy" to bestow upon "ingenious men or women who make useful inventions" a premium not to exceed twenty dollars and a suitably inscribed copper medal.

Why Scott chose an American city to administer his bequest is not known, although it is believed he had a longstanding interest in America and appreciated the achievements of Benjamin Franklin.

The first awards were made in 1834 for the inventions of the knitting machine and a door lock. Through the years, awards have been made internationally for inventions in industry, agriculture, manufacturing, science, and medicine.

In this century, most of the awards have gone to contributors to science and medicine. Awards have recognized significant contributions in prevention of yellow fever and malaria, and in the development of penicillin and streptomycin. Among the recipients are Mme. Curie, Thomas Edison, the Wright brothers, Edwin Land, Jonas Salk, Irving Langmuir, and Glenn Seaborg. Recent awardees are James W. Black for invention of Cimetidine, Ben Rubin for invention of the bifurcated needle which helped eradicate smallpox, and Gordon Gould for invention of the laser.

Nominations of individuals for the award are made by a committee of Philadelphians to the Board of Directors of City Trusts of the City of Philadelphia. Reflecting the increased value of the John Scott Trust account, the amount of the awards has now legally been raised to a maximum of \$10,000 in addition to the copper medal and a certificate.

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Martin K