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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, Martin Kamen, culture, virtuosity in musical performance, violinist, chamber music, camaraderie, discontent, Viola, recreation and entertainment, Emmy Temianka, husband, wife, music rehearsal, children, family, money, funds

### Comments

Due to the exact date of the letter being unknown an estimated date has been provided.

Dear Henri - Please forgive the delay in answering your most welcome note. Things have been not a little hectic as is usual in the terminal months of pregnancy but we have been in fine shape thru it all and two weeks ago (April 24 to be exact) it ended in a boy. We named him by reversing my two, i.e. Martin David → David Martin so the latter combination is what he will go by. This simple device obviated wear and tear on us. It is fortunate I have two names. At the moment no one is feeling any pain. We have no idea what genetic pattern will emerge but right now Beba insists he looks like me. However, we can hope there is a transitional phase.

We still talk about your last visit. It seems the excitement always generated as you arrive is such a pleasant one as contrasted with others I can mention which are merely hectic and restless and entirely artificial. You asked about how the concert struck us. Well, that is it - a pleasant excitement with people assured and confident. I think that regardless of whatever vicissitudes lie in wait at any given time one counts on the Paganini Q. as a stable and certain feature of the musical landscape and something we don't want to be without. You can make mistakes if you want because these mistakes are not a violation of the music - not that you make anything like your share. This is the only way I know to give you an idea of what I mean. I sincerely hope nothing happens to the Q. and that it continues until we are beyond hearing it and then it still goes on.

I don't know about our plans for this summer. I will keep the dates you mention for Aspen and Ravinia in mind and write you again when we see how things work out with the family. I suspect Beba may have to go east during the summer in connection with her work - in which case we will take turns watching the baby and one or the other of us will get up to Chicago at about the time you are there. Please let us know how to reach you either at Aspen or Ravinia. We would like to come to California but this seems a bit remote at the moment - mainly for financial reasons.

Otherwise there is no news. I have the usual lectures to give at a number of places but none of these jibe with your appearances east this summer. We hope all is well with you, Emmanuel and young Temiamba. Write us when you can. We will be anticipating hearing from you. Regards to the gang.

As ever

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