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WASHINGTON, APRIL 9: A concert commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Composers will be played on Sunday, April 18th, by the National Gallery Orchestra, conducted by Richard Bales, it was announced today by David E. Finley, Director of the Gallery.

The program will consist of works by American composers who are members of the League. Founded in New York in 1923, the League of Composers has a long and brilliant record of commissions and performances of contemporary music. Many of the world's foremost artists have participated in its programs.

Two compositions to be played will receive their first Washington performances: The Concertino by Bernard Wagenaar, commissioned by the League in 1942 for its 20th anniversary, and the Concertino for Piano and Strings by Frederick Jacobi which will feature Irene Jacobi, pianist.

Other works on the program have been introduced to Washington by the National Gallery Orchestra, notably the Festival Ode by Dai-keong Lee which was composed especially for the National Gallery's annual American Music Festival.

The complete program and participating
artists follow:

Burrill Phillips	Dance Overture
Bernard Wagenaar (First Washington performance)	Concertino
Douglas Moore	Village Music
Virgil Thomson Paul Chandler Hume, Speaker	The Plow that Broke the Plains (Narrative text by Pare Lorentz)
Frederick Jacobi Irene Jacobi, Pianist (First Washington performance)	Concertino for Piano and Strings
Dai-keong Lee	Festival Ode
William Bergsma	Paul Bunyan Suite