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FIFTEENTH AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

Washington, April 15, 1958: John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announced today that the Gallery's Fifteenth American Music Festival will be presented on successive Sunday evenings from May 4 through June 1, 1958. Five programs will be played, including orchestral, chamber, piano, choral, and vocal music.

The series is under the general direction of Richard Bales, who will conduct the National Gallery Orchestra in two of the programs.

A highlight of the Festival will be the premiere of The Concerto Pastorale for Carillon and Orchestra by La Salle Spier of Washington, D. C. The solo part, recorded at Luray, Virginia, by Charles T. Chapman, Carillonneur, of the Singing Tower, will be reproduced via hi-fidelity tape recording, while the National Gallery Orchestra plays the accompaniment.

First performances will also be given works by Charles Ives, Mark Fax, and Walter Spencer Huffman.

A number of works will also be heard for the first time in Washington.

These concerts will be given in the East Garden Court, beginning at 8:00 P.M.

There is no admission charge, and tickets and reservations are not required.

The Festival will be broadcast in entirety by Station WGMS-AM and FM,

Washington's Good Music Station.

= 2 = National Gallery of Art. Programs and participating artists follow: THE A. W. MELLON CONCERTS 720th Concert May 4, 1958, 8:00 p.m. THE KOHON STRING QUARTET and Isabelle Byman, Pianist Compositions by Charles Ives **Largo Risoluto No. 1, "The law of diminishing returns" *String Quartet No. 2 Trio for Violin, Piano, and Cello Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano **Largo Risoluto No. 2, "A Shadow made - A Silhouette" 721st Concert May 11, 1958, 8:00 p.m. 'CILE TURNER, SINGER-COMPOSER Assisted by Randolph-Macon Woman's College Glee Club Henry Hallstrom, Director and Members of the Washington and Lee University Glee Club Robert Stewart, Director Compositions and arrangements by "Cile Turner, and Compositions by Sherodd Albritton, Henry Hallstrom, Howard Hanson, Normand Lockwood, Robert Sanders, and Randall Thompson. 722nd Concert May 18, 1958, 8:00 p.m. JOHN KIRKPATRICK, PIANIST Edward MacDowell Keltic Sonata, Opus 59 Robert Palmer *Evening Music Robert Palmer *Three Epigrams Ross Lee Finney *Three Inventions Ross Lee Finney *Variations on a Theme by Alban Berg Jack Beeson *Sonata No. 5 (revised) *Evocations (revised) Carl Ruggles Louis Moreau Gottschalk Two Caprices on Rhythms of the Antilles Louis Moreau Gottschalk "Columbia", Caprice on a theme by Foster Charles Hommann Symphony in E Flat Major (on loan through the joint cooperation of the Edwin A. Fleisher Music Collection of the Free Library of

Philadelphia, and the Moravian Music Foundation, Inc.)

National Gallery Suite No. 1, Richard Bales

from the film, "Your National Gallery"

**Concerto Pastorale for Carillon La Salle Spier and Orchestra

Charles T. Chapman, Carillonneur of the Singing Tower at Luray, Virginia Whitford L. Hall, at the Tape Recorder (Fisher Electronic equipment courtesy of the Campbell Music Company)

> 721th Concert June 1, 1958, 8:00 P.M.

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA RICHARD BALES, CONDUCTOR

James Hewitt

Dai-keong Lee Robert Ward Walter Spencer Huffman Mark Fax

The Battle of Trenton (Orchestrated by Richard Bales) Introduction and Scherzo Symphony No. 3 **Divertimento No. 1 **Psalm 137 The Wesleyan Choir of Asbury Methodist Church

The orchestral music for this occasion is provided by the cooperation of Local 161 of the American Federation of Musicians, through a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry. The Music Performance Trust Fund is an extension of a program of public service originated by the Recording and Transcription Fund of the

American Federation of Musicians, James C. Petrillo, President.

** World premiere

* First Washington performance

These programs are subject to change.