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38TH SEASON OF SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS
AT NATIONAL GALLERY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23

WASHINGTON, D. C. September 5, 1979. The 38th season of free Sunday evening concerts at the National Gallery begins September 23 at 7:00 p.m. with the National Gallery Orchestra, Richard Bales, Conductor. The soloist will be Evelyn Swarthout, distinguished Washington pianist.

This season marks the 37th year of the National Gallery concerts under Mr. Bales' direction. Mr. Bales made his debut as conductor at the Gallery on June 6, 1943, and has become known nationally for his innovative programming.

The concert season will be climaxed by the Gallery's 37th American Music Festival, an annual spring event begun in 1944 during Mr. Bales' first season. Celebrating American music of all periods, the festival often introduces to the Washington area works by rising young composers as well as those who have already achieved eminence. This year's festival, the 37th, will be held during April and May of 1979.

The Gallery concerts are sponsored by bequests from William Nelson Cromwell and F. Lamot Belin. Assistance toward the orchestral programs is

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given by the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry through a grant from Local 161-710 of the American Federation of Musicians.

The concerts, which will continue through June 1980, are given in the West Building's East Garden Court on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Through the cooperation of Local 161-710 of the American Federation of Musicians, these programs are broadcast live in their entirety by Station WGMS AM and FM. Intermissions feature program notes by Mr. Bales and talks on works in the Gallery's collection and on special exhibitions by members of the Gallery staff.

Program listings for each month are given in the Gallery's Calendar of Events, which is available on request.

Details of the opening programs follow:

THE WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL CONCERTS

National Gallery of Art
Washington, D. C.

West Building East Garden Court

1553rd Concert

Sunday, September 23, 1979
7:00 o'clock

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA
Richard Bales, Conductor

Soloist
Evelyn Swarthout, Pianist

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Program

Charles Ives.....Hymn (1904)
(1874-1954)

W. A. Mozart.....Symphony No.31 in D Major,
(1756-1791) "Paris"

Etienne Méhul.....Overture to "Henri IV":
(1763-1817) "La chasse du jeune Henri"

Frédéric Chopin.....Concerto No.1 in E Minor, Opus 11
(1810-1849)

1554th Concert

Sunday, September 30, 1979
7:00 o'clock

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA
Richard Bales, Conductor

Soloist
Jody Gatwood, Violinist

Program

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Brandenburg Concerto No.3 in G Major
Brandenburg Concerto No.1 in F Major
Violin Concerto No.1 in A Minor
Suite No.3 in D Major

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