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National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON: March 16 David E. Finley, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announced today that the Gallery's Eighth American Music Festival will be presented during April. Four concerts devoted to works by American composers will be played.

The series is under the general direction

of Richard Bales, who will conduct one of the concerts.

These programs will be given on Sunday evenings April 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 8:00 P. M. in the West Garden Court of the National Gallery of Art.

Compositions to be performed and artists

participating follow:

Sunday, April 1st

The American University Quartet George Steiner, violin; George Wargo, viola; John Martin, cello; and Emerson Meyers, piano

Isadore Freed George Thaddeus Jones Robert Palmer \*Triptych \*\*String Trio Quartet for Piano and Strings Sunday, April 8th

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Charles Martin Loeffler Charles Ives John Haussermann Robert Russell Bennett Aaron Copland

Sunday, April 15th

Robert Delaney\*NightNorman Dello Joio\*Vigil StrangMilliam Bergsma\*Let True LovRandall ThompsonTarantellaSamuel Barber\*The Virgin MMary HoweSpring PastoPeter Mennin\*Bought LocksRobert Ward\*With Rue MyAaron Copland\*Las AgachadaMark Fax\*Poem of AmerEdward Matthews, Baritone Soloist

Joan Field, Violin Leopold Mittman, Piano

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Partita \*Sonata No.l \*Poeme Hexapoda Suite Sonata

The Howard University Choir Warner Lawson, Director

> \*Night \*Vigil Strange \*Let True Love Among Us Be Tarantella \*The Virgin Martyrs Spring Pastorale \*Bought Locks \*With Rue My Heart Is Laden \*Las Agachadas \*\*Poem of America ritone Soloist

Sunday, April 22nd

National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor

Walter Spencer Huffman \*\*Sym Homer Keller \*Con Margaret Tolson, Soloist Gardner Read Quie James Hewitt (1770-1827) \*\*The

\*\*Symphony No.l
 \*Concerto for Piano and Orchestra
oloist
 Quiet Music for Strings
\*\*The Battle of Trenton, A Favorite
Historical Military Sonata, Dedicated
to George Washington.
 (Orchestrated by Richard Bales)

\*\*First performance anywhere \* First Washington performance

(programs subject to change)

