WASHINGTON, D. C. April 5, 1965. John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announced today that the Gallery's Twenty-Second American Music Festival will be presented on successive Sunday evenings from April 25th through June 6th. Seven concerts will be played. The Festival will be sponsored by the Gulbenkian Foundation, Inc. One of the programs will receive assistance from the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry. The series is under the general direction of Richard Bales, who will conduct the National Gallery Orchestra in two of the programs.

The concerts will include first performances of compositions by Richard Bales, Esther Ballou, Arthur Custer, David Diamond, David Epstein, Robert Evett, Aldo Provenzano, and Christopher Schaefer. Twenty-nine composers in all will be heard on the Series.

At the May 23rd concert the National Gallery of Art will receive the Centennial Medallion of the United States Civil War Centennial Commission, at which time Mr. Walker will be presented the award by Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr., Executive Director of the Commission. The Gallery has been awarded the Medallion for its Exhibition of Civil War Paintings and Drawings in 1961, and for the work done in Civil War music by Mr. Bales.

The concluding concert of the Festival on June 6th will mark the 1,000th Sunday evening concert at the National Gallery of Art. On that evening Mr. Bales will conduct compositions written especially for the occasion.

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

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

The Festival will be broadcast in its entirety by Station WJAM, Washington's Good Music Station.

Programs and participating artists follow.
22nd American Music Festival

994th Concert, Sunday, April 25, 1965, 8 p.m.
Virgil Thomson
Leon Kirchner
David Richey

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995th Concert, Sunday, May 2, 1965, 8 p.m.
Charles Ives
Allan Blank
David Epstein
Ralph Shapey
Arthur Custer
George Rochberg
Roger Sessions

996th Concert, Sunday, May 9, 1965, 8 p.m.
Walter Piston
Bernhard Heiden
Ross Lee Finney
Walter S. Hartley

997th Concert, Sunday, May 16, 1965, 8 p.m.
Richard Bales

998th Concert, Sunday, May 23, 1965, 8 p.m.
Christopher Schaefer
Robert Ward
Aldo Provenzano
Thomas Beversdorf

999th Concert, Sunday, May 30, 1965, 8 p.m.
Mary Howe

1,000th Concert, Sunday, June 6, 1965, 8 p.m.
Robert Evett
Esther Williamson Gallou

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These programs are subject to change.