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SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS RESUME AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART


The new season will be launched by three orchestral programs entitled "A Festival of Symphonies", which will commemorate the opening season of the John F. Kennedy Center for the performing Arts.

Other highlights of the season, which will continue through June 1972, will include a Viennese New Year's concert on January 2, programs devoted to the music of Haydn and Mozart in March, and the Gallery's 29th American Music Festival during April and May 1972. Premieres and first Washington performances will figure on both the orchestral and recital programs throughout the season.

The Gallery's concerts, sponsored by funds bequeathed by William Nelson Cromwell and F. Lammot Belin, are under the general direction of Richard Bales, Conductor of the National Gallery Orchestra. The 1971-72 season will mark Mr. Bales' 29th year in charge of music at the Gallery.

Concerts will be given in the East Garden Court of the Gallery on Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock, and are free to the public. Through the cooperation of Local 161-710 American
Federation of Musicians, the concerts will be broadcast live in their entirety by Station WGMS (AM and FM).

Details of the opening programs follow:

THE WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL CONCERTS

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
Washington, D. C.

1239th Concert

Sunday, September 26, 1971
7:00 p.m.
In the East Garden Court

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA
RICHARD BALES, CONDUCTOR

"A Festival of Symphonies Commemorating the Opening Season of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts": 1

Igor Stravinsky......................*Fanfare for a Theatre (1882-1971)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart................Symphony No.28 in C Major, Köchel 200
(1756-91)

Anton Bruckner.........................Symphony No.2 in C Minor (Wöss Edition)
(1824-96)

1240th Concert

Sunday, October 3, 1971
7:00 p.m.
In the East Garden Court

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA
RICHARD BALES, CONDUCTOR

"A Festival of Symphonies Commemorating the Opening Season of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts": 2

François Joseph Gossec................*Symphony in D Major (Carse Edition)
(1734-1829)

Franz Joseph Haydn.....................*Symphony No.48 in C Major "Maria Theresia" (Landon Edition)
(1732-1809)

Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky
Symphony No.3 in D Major, Opus 26 "Polish"

(MORE)
1241st Concert

Sunday, October 10, 1971
7:00 p.m.
In the East Garden Court

NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA
RICHARD BALES, CONDUCTOR

"A Festival of Symphonies Commemorating the Opening Season of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts": 3

Charles Hommann ......................... *Sinfonie (c. 1840)
(dates unknown)

Carl Nielsen ............................. *Symphony No.2
(1865-1931) "The Four Temperaments"

Ludwig van Beethoven .................... Symphony No.8 in F Major,
(1770-1827) Opus 93

*indicates first Washington performance

(These programs are subject to change)

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Further information or black-and-white photographs of the orchestra in concert are available from Katherine Warwick, Assistant to the Director, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C. 20565, Area code 202, 737-4215, ext. 224.