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Dear Monteux Friends,

The annual miracle of the Pierre Monteux School is unfolding once more as I write from Hancock. Seventy-one years and only three Maestros—Pierre, then his student Charles Bruck, and now his student Michael Jinbo. The Monteux tradition continues strong and unbroken—the tradition of teaching and learning and performing with the focus steadily and solely on the music itself. For us, that is and remains the whole idea. For me, that is the secret behind the miracle of this top-flight program continuing to flourish in an out-of-the-way location decade after decade. The miracle goes on.

As we welcome a full orchestra of fifty-eight musicians, including sixteen conductors, we also welcome David Rahbee, himself a student of Maestro Jinbo, as our new Conducting Associate. David succeeds, although no one can replace, our great friend Will White, whom we wish all the best. We also welcome and anticipate a wonderful performance of Rachmaninoff's 'Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini' on Sunday, July 6, by our Guest Artist, pianist Christopher Guzman.

Our School—YOUR School—is in the best of hands. The Board is the strongest I have known it in thirty years. The warm hospitality that the Monteux Associates shower on our students has become a key part of the whole Monteux experience. Our facilities are in the best shape ever. We have received generous bequests from or in honor of Nancie Monteux-Barendse, Barbara Kent, Jean O'Meara, and Kurt Harrison.

I look forward yet again to that moment when the concertmaster walks out on stage for the first time, we all applaud politely, the orchestra tunes, and then... and then, it all begins once more.

Secure your season tickets, please give generously beyond this, consider a legacy to the Monteux School, and plan your own part in helping this annual miracle continue. Its future is ours.

Sincerely yours,

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Sir Neville Marriner Pays His Respects

SIR NEVILLE MARRINER CBE
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April 6th

Dear Young M. Monteux,

My husband was delighted to be asked to "pay his respects" to his Cher Maître. We both remember such a happy summer in Hancock, the liberal hospitality (trips to the lobster pound for me with Doris while Neville worked. I never dared tell her I couldn't eat shellfish, so threw it away discreetly into the rubbish pail + filled up with bread + mayonnaise! Luckily they only cost a dollar each then!) I have written out my husband's appreciation on the back of this, and we are so pleased you are continuing the school in that idyllic spot.

Warmest greetings,

Molly Marina

Last year, Gerard Monteux – grandson of Pierre and a Trustee of the School – wrote to Sir Neville with the hope of learning from him the significance of his time in Hancock as one of Monteux's disciples in the early 1950s. In a response to "Young M. Monteux" dated April 6, Lady Marriner penned her husband's comments, which they allowed us to share with you.

"The most influential time in my career as a conductor was with Maître Monteux in Hancock – an unforgettable insight into the difference between sitting down to play and standing up to be judged!

The tolerant professionalism of the Maestro combined with the musical ambitions of his students created an atmosphere of intoxicating creativity and progress.

I can only commend his remarkable experience with sincere appreciation and best wishes to all who perpetuate the life and times of the Maestro."

NEVILLE MARRINER



On April 15, 2014, Sir Neville Marriner, the renowned founder and conductor of The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

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On a Theme of Paganini*
Christopher Guzman, *piano*

July 13

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Maestro Michael Jinbo, *conducting*

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