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DEAR DOCTOR RUBINSTEIN:

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT PIANIST DAVID SMITH IS TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. THE PIANO FACULTY HAS LABELED HIM "ONE OF THE FOUR OR FIVE GREATEST PIANO TALENTS IN THE WORLD." OTHER IMPORTANT MUSIC CRITICS HAVE CALLED HIM "THE AMERICAN HOROWITZ."

DAVID SMITH NEEDS TO BE HEARD. HE WANTS ME TO PRESENT HIM IN CONCERT AND MANAGE WHAT COULD BE A GRAND CAREER. AFTER LEARNING OF THIS ARTIST'S REPERTOIRE AND HEARING HIM PERFORM THREE CHOPIN ETUDES, RAVEL AND THE BIZET-HOROWITZ VARIATIONS ON THE THEME OF CARMEN, I KNOW THIS ARTIST CAN OFFER JOY TO THE GENERATIONS IN HIS FUTURE.

I ASKED MR SMITH WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD JOIN US IN A EFFORT TO LAUNCH HIS CAREER IN AN ATTEMPT TO FILL THE VOID WHICH WE ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE AS YOU AND THE OTHER GREAT PIANISTS SEVERELY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF YOUR ENGAGEMENTS. IN RESPONSE, MR SMITH HUMBLY EXPRESSED HOPE.

AFTER LEARNING THAT YOU HAVE LIMITED THE NUMBER OF YOUR ENGAGEMENTS IN THIS COUNTRY THIS SEASON BY PERFORMING WITH TWO ORCHESTRAS, I ASSUME THAT YOU MUST NOT WISH TO ENGAGE LONG SOLO CONCERTS.

BEARING THIS IN MIND, PLEASE ADVISE ME IF YOU WILL CONSIDER A THIRTY TO FORTY MINUTE SOLO PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING EXTRAORDINARY PLAN:

PLACE: JONES HALL, HOUSTON

PROGRAM: 8:00-8:40PM
DAVID SMITH
CHOPIN-RAVEL-CARMEN VARIATIONS

INTERMISSION

9:00-930PM OR 940PM
ARTHUR RUBINSTEIN

FEES: PLEASE ADVISE — 60 percent of total gross?

DATES: JONES HALL
MAY 14, 1975 WEDNESDAY
MAY 21, 1975 WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 1975 WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 29, 1975 WEDNESDAY — my birthday!

ALTERNATIVE DATES: MUSIC HALL
SEPTEMBER 5/6/12/13/17/18/19
OCTOBER 22/23/30
NOVEMBER 5/6
DECEMBER 6/17/18/19/20

1975 MARKS THE CENTENNIAL OF BOTH BIZET'S DEATH AND THE PREMIERE OF HIS GREAT OPERA "CARMEN" IN PARIS SHORTLY BEFORE HE DIED. DAVID SMITH'S PERFORMANCE OF THE CARMEN VARIATIONS MUST BE HEARD.

PLEASE HELP LAUNCH A GREAT CAREER BY HONORING US AND HELPING US WITH YOUR PRESENCE MAKE THIS OCCASION A PHENOMENAL MUSICAL EXPERIENCE.

DEVOTEDLY YOURS,
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