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Almost as durable, and equally eminent in his own field of endeavour, the cellist **Pablo Casals** died recently at the patriarchal age of 96, active almost to the very last. He was not only past master on his chosen instrument, with a phenomenal technique which he kept immaculate by constant practice, but also an allround musician, conductor and composer.

Another astonishing veteran, still happily with us, is the pianist **Artur Rubinstein.** Born in 1886, his career as a virtuoso began at the age of eleven and today, at 87, he is still at it, his

interpretative powers still undimmed, his technique as impeccable, his musicality as sensitive as ever. As a side-line, he has started on a new career: he has just published his first volume of his memoirs, which is full of entertaining anecdotes about the countless interesting personalities he has met in his long life.