CONCERTS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1992

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5 Tamara Smirnova-Sajfar, violinist Mozart: Sonata, K. 454

Tatina Yampolski, pianist

Alexander Zemlinsky: Sonata in A Major

Dora Pejacevic: Five Minatures

Ravel: Tzigane

12 Joseph Smith, pianist

Grieg: Ballade, Opus 24 Havdn: Sonata, Hob. 49

Chopin: Scherzo, Opus 31

Charles Griffes: Tone-Pictures, Opus 5

Schumann: Papillons

19 Stephen Cary, tenor Bruce Murray, pianist Songs by Handel, Brahms, Paolo Tosti, Richard Strauss, and Salvador Moreno

Niles: Five Gambling Songs

26 Jeffrey Solow, cellist Irma Vallecillo, pianist J.-Baptiste Breval: Sonata in G Major

Saint-Saëns: Sonata, Opus 32

Debussy: Intermezzo Fauré: Elegy, Opus 24

FEBRUARY 1992

2 National Gallery Orchestra George Manos, Conductor

Works by Delius and Juan Crisostomo Ariaga

9 Bradford Gowen, pianist

Bach/Busoni/Hess: Chorale Transcriptions

Leon Kirchner: Sonata (1948) Mendelssohn: Three Pieces Irving Fine: Music for Piano

Fauré: Four Pieces

16 The Lafavette String Quartet Resident String Quartet of the University of Victoria, British Columbia

Mozart: Quartet, K. 421 Barber: Quartet, Opus 11

Tchaikovsky: Quartet No. 1, Opus 11

23 David Buechner, pianist

I.S. Bach: French Suite No. 4 Poulenc: Les soirées de Nazelles Henry Martin: Preludes and Fugues Gershwin: Rhapsody No. 2

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NATIONAL GALLERY ORCHESTRA

GEORGE MANOS, Conductor

MUSIC OF VIENNA

PROGRAM

Otto Nicolai Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor (1810-1849)
Josef Strauss Polka Mazurka: Die Libelle (1827-1870) Opus 204
Johann Strauss, Jr
Josef Strauss Jokey-Polka
INTERMSSION (Twelve Minutes)
Johann Strauss, Jr
's gibt nur a Kaiserstadt, 's gibt nur a Wien Opus 291
Josef Strauss
Plappermäulchen: musikalischer Scherz

This evening's concert marks the twenty-seventh time that a New Year concert in Viennese style has been presented at the National Gallery. The first was presented by Richard Bales and the National Gallery Orchestra on January 2, 1966. The original verson of these gala concerts, which takes place in the famous *Musikverein* in Vienna, was begun in 1939. All those who make their way to hear the Vienna Philharmonic play in that historic hall on New Year's Day are part of an illustrious musical legacy, which includes such giants as Brahms, Bruckner, Mahler, and, of course, the Strauss family. Through the medium of recordings, radio, and television, this annual celebration of Viennese music has become a world-famous musical event. The presence of the audience and its reaction to the sublime moments, favorite tunes and musical jokes on the stage are as important as the players in this festive drama.

The spirit of these gala, joyful concerts is the spirit of Vienna, and for many throughout the world who follow them faithfully, the spirit of celebration of the New Year. In this lovely music there is nostalgia for beauties and happiness now past; but there is also energy, liveliness, humor and hope, as the music carries us, now whirling in a waltz, now pulsating in a march, through the present time and into the future.

As the years go by, the Viennese concert at the National Gallery has taken on the significance for Washington that the *Musikverein* concert has for Vienna. It has proven to be one of the Gallery's most popular concerts, and is offered as a heartfelt wish, expressed in music, for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Concerts at the National Gallery are broadcast live on Radio Station WGMS, 103.5 FM. The use of recording or photographic equipment during the performance is not allowed.