

ESTHER HONENS



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Dear Paul

Happy New Year! Apologies for being so slow to thank you for a wonderful evening during the Competition and Festival. There has been an incredible amount of clearing up to do since the end of the Competition, and correspondence is sadly behind.

It was great that you were able to add to the Festival with your own very special artistry. The artificial barriers dividing various musics must be broken down if live performance is to survive - and it *must* - and your concert showed a splendid facet of the art of the piano, one which helped to expand the appreciation of more conservative concert goers.

I also much enjoyed spending a little time with you. I wish it could have been longer, but my schedule was totally crazy those weeks of the Competition and Festival. At all events, renewed thanks for being with us and warmest regards.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Raeburn
President