

THOMAS WILSON. Piano Concerto (première) – 22 August/BBC broadcast/David Wilde (piano), BBC Philharmonic c. Bryden Thomson.

HANS ZENDER. *Stephen Climax* (première) – 15 June/ Frankfurt/Frankfurt Opera c. Peter Hirsch.

#### Periodicals

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#### Books Received

(A listing in this column does not preclude a review in a future edition of TEMPO)

*THE OPERAS AND OPERATIC STYLE OF JOHN FREDERICK LAMPE* by Dennis R. Martin. Detroit Monographs in Musicology No. 8 Information Coordinators, Inc., \$40.00.

*SUMMER GARDENERS: Conversations with Composers* by Kevin Volans. Newer Music Edition, £6.00.

*WILLIAM ALWYN: a Catalogue of his Music* by Stewart Craggs and Alan Poulton. Bravara Press, £10.95.

*MORE LETTERS OF AMY FAY: The American Years, 1879–1916* selected and edited by Sister Margaret William McCarthy. Information Coordinators, Inc., \$40.00.

*ORIENTATIONS: Collected Writings* by Pierre Boulez, edited by Jean-Jacques Nattiez and translated by Martin Cooper. Faber, £25.00.

*KLEMPERER ON MUSIC: Shavings from a Musician's Workbench* edited by Martin Anderson, with a Preface by Pierre Boulez. Toccata Press, £12.95.

*PIERRE BOULEZ: a Symposium* edited by William Glock. Eulenberg Books, £12.00.

*SIBELIUS: Volume II, 1904–1914* by Erik Tawastjerna, translated by Robert Layton. Faber & Faber, £17.50.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

from LADY BLISS and the Trustees of the Bliss Trust

May we take advantage of your correspondence columns to publicise our aims and to request the co-operation of some of your readers? The Bliss Trust was formed in January 1986 under the Chairmanship of Lady Bliss. Our aims and hopes are twofold; to promote understanding and appreciation of the music of Sir Arthur Bliss; and to establish in the future a Bliss Memorial Scholarship to assist young British composers to study in the United States of America.

In seeking to promote the first aim, our activities will inevitably be broad in their scope. But the Trust's initial resolve is to concentrate on two immediate demands. The first of these concerns the centenary celebrations of Bliss's birth in 1991, and further details of our plans will be announced in due course. Secondly, we recognise the urgent need to establish a comprehensive Bliss Archive, which will be available in one place, for the benefit of all who have an interest in the composer's life and work. Agreement has been reached with Cambridge University Library that the Archive will be housed there, and Lady Bliss intends to bequeath to that Library all Bliss's manuscripts, documents, printed works and other *memorabilia* which are now in her possession. The Trustees are however aware that a good deal of unique material relating to Bliss remains scattered in private hands. We should like therefore to appeal to all who own such material – especially music manuscripts and letters – to assist our cause by contributing it to the Bliss Archive.

Anyone who is interested in the work of the Trust, or who can offer archive materials, is asked to write to *The Bliss Trust, c/o Joynton-Hicks, 10 Maltravers Street, London WC2R 3BS*.