ELLIOTT CARTER

Dear Bobby,

Your great enthusiasm and lively musical imagination have struck me over the many many years of our friendship as a powerful example of what real profound devotion to our art can be. Your activities personally and through your performances have been invaluable to me.

In rehearsing and performing my difficult 3rd Quartet your forceful vision energized your colleagues and some audiences, as well as myself. When the Juilliard decided to revive the 3rd Quartet you refused to use the click track other string quartets needed, but through arduous rehearsals your performances and recording had a striking focused power for which I was very grateful.

The vision and energy that you and Lucy have given to the Naumburg Foundation during your leadership has been a very important contribution to our profession.

Elliott Carter



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