

Mr. Barry -

I don't know why I haven't written you sooner, I'm sure it has a lot to do with how busy I am. I just regret that I never got to thank you enough for what you said to me. Last summer I was acting like an idiot, and I needed someone to set me straight, and I am very fortunate that you did. Your advice, your exhortation really helped me see where I was, and where I needed to be, and I can't thank you enough for that. Today I have a big competition, the Hart Symphony Comp., 25 people are auditioning, 7 are set to play in the finals next Sunday. I am playing the 1st mvt of the Barber concerto. I've been working on it since September, with Brian, and I feel quite ready. But I'm not too confident; I'm too confident for the last one and I ended w/ Honorable mention. I have started the Knachata Concerto, which I love but find quite exhausting. I will be taking part to the Musicarda Summer in So. Hadley, Mass, where I'm studying with Li and Nicholas Mann (son of Robert). Unfortunately I cannot attend Sound Encounters because we are moving to New Jersey (outside of Philly) on Bu the way. I became my vacate to let me