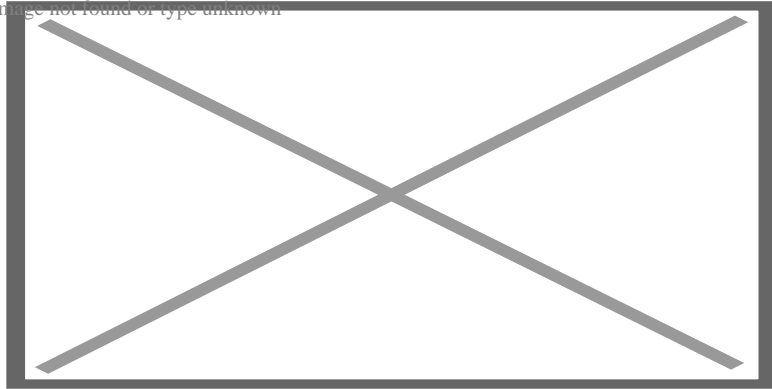


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Description

A lively and engaging interview with Nicolas Slonimsky, the dean of musicological lexicography who visited KPFA in 1971 and talked with Robert Commanday (S.F. Chronicle music critic) and Charles Amirkhanian of KPFA. This program includes especially important discussions about Igor Stravinsky and Charles Ives by the first conductor ever to champion the music of Ives, Varèse, Cowell, and Riegger (in the early 1930's). Slonimsky also describes how he debunked a popular myth about the funeral of Mozart as part of his quest for accuracy of detail in his "Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians". Composer Lowell Cross was also present. Includes piano performances by Slonimsky.

Musical Selections

[demonstration piano playing techniques] -- [demonstration of playing the piano behind his back]

Artists

San Francisco Chronicle (features)
Slonimsky, Nicolas, 1894-1995 (features)
Commanday, Robert (features)
Amirkhanian, Charles (features)
Cross, Lowell M. (features)