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Dear Louise:

While I have not seen you in a while, I have appreciated the notes you have sent in response to our concert announcements. I am only sorry that your vacations and our concerts seem always to coincide. Over the past few years attendance has grown from a few hundred to nearly two thousand - gratifying indeed - computer music seems to "touch" something in our audience.

I was in Paris recently for a computer music conference hosted by IRCAM. Boulez presented his new piece "Repons" for chamber group and computer, a lovely work which he will present in 1986 in San Francisco, at "your" hall, I presume. Boulez asked me to extend to you his regards. You will certainly see him in the 1986 season.

CCRMA is thriving. As ever, we have the best possible students and staff. This past year we have been busy planning our move on to campus. Now that the Music Department has moved into the new Braun Center, work will soon begin to prepare the Knoll for our occupancy next summer. We will name CCRMA after Doreen Townsend for her early support, at a time when it was not at all clear to any but few of us that computer music would have such an impact on 20th Century music. She is a wonderful person and we are all delighted that she has accepted the honor.

One of the more exciting aspects of our move to the Knoll will be the construction of high-quality recording and research studios. One project dependent upon these studios is a long term study of operatic voice quality. I plan to invite the great singers who come to the San Francisco opera to Stanford so that we can make digital recordings for research and archival purposes.

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To construct the studios I am trying to raise \$400,000 - \$500,000. If you felt that you were able to help, I would love to have a "Louise Davies Psychoacoustic Studio" in the Knoll. (I only feel a little guilty in asking, given that you have already done so much for music in the Bay area!) Please let me know should you have any fund raising ideas.

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday next week. One of my two children is close enough to come home - and I suppose that you will be with at least two other generations. Please give my regards to Ellen when you talk to her next.

With warm regards,



John Chowning

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