

Letter by Natalie Curtis to Ferruccio Busoni ([Philadelphia], 20 February 1915)

My dearest Master!

A telegram from Washington makes it absolutely imperative for me to leave today. I can't tell you how sorry I am, but you will understand without words, I know. I am already a week behind my schedule, and I am to give a little recital of Indian folklore, art, music, etc. which the entire Department of the Interior (whose government officials have Indian matters in charge) will attend. They have arranged the preliminary meeting for this evening, and I must be there. You may be sure that I shall tell them about the Rhapsody – the Fantasy.

Yesterday was one of the happiest days of my life for which I thank you, dear Master, from a full heart[.]

My affectionate greetings to you and your

dear wife – may the future bring

us all often together is the

sincere wish of your faithful

friend,

Natalie Curtis

Saturday, February 20th, 1915

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Please, dear Master, write on my program for me, zum Andenken! – Mrs Mason – my dear friend – will bring you my program after the concert. How I wish that I could be there!