## **ELMER BERNSTEIN**

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Mr. Art Phillips Art Phillips Music Design

Australia

Dear Art:

I finally got a chance to look at the video of the event in Australia. I must say that it was very clear that you really understood that music. It was an altogether strange experience for me because it was the first time I heard that particular piece played "out of my hands." As you can imagine by the nature of the music it is one of the most personal scores and, therefore, possibly difficult to listen to other interpretations. But I was pleased that you caught the spirit.

Do let me know when you might next be in Los Angeles and perhaps we can arrange to meet. I must say that I was most unhappy at having to stay in the U. S. as it all went on. It sounds as though the event must have been fun. It had a lightness that was real and not forced as many American programs of that nature tend to become.

All the best for the New Year.

Elmer Bernstein