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UNITED NATIONS TO RECEIVE GRAND PIANO FROM MUSIC CLUB FEDERATION

AS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY GIFT

A Steinway grand piano will be presented to the United Nations by the National Federation of Music Clubs, a United States non-governmental organization, in honour of the Organization's fortieth anniversary.

Paid for by 40 music clubs and more than 100 individual donors, the piano will be presented in a ceremony in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium at Headquarters at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 18 October. The National Federation's best-known performing member, the New York Philomusica, under the direction of Robert Johnson, will play a Haydn divertimento and a Brahms quartet, using the piano. It will also be used to accompany Anna McNeely, who will sing two songs by American composers Aaron Copland and John LaMontaine. The event is being organized under the auspices of the United Nations Cultural Society.

The National Federation of Music Clubs is the only music-related non-governmental organization to hold consultative status with the United Nations. Forty years ago, Anne Gannett, then President of the Federation, was among the delegates selected by United States President Harry S. Truman to attend the San Francisco Conference at which the United Nations Charter was drafted.

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