

38 Russell St
Cambridge Mass

to City Clerk -

Cambridge City Council
City Hall
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Dear Sirs,

On WCAS I heard that the Cambridge City Council is considering a ban on Sunday afternoon concerts on the Common so that reseeding of Common grass will give Cambridge a lush bicentennial veneer.

Should environmental reasons alone call for breathing space for Common grass, I could understand a relocation of Sunday music, perhaps to a river side park.

However, as I understand it, the proposal calls for termination, rather than relocation of the program. Such a proposal denies a number of community interests. Cambridge has been one of the few places in the country where even the poor can see and hear high quality live music. The Sunday music series has provided expression to many of the diverse cultural styles whose presence make Cambridge such a fascinating place to live. To suspend it would deny a city its cultural present and future in order to celebrate its past.

Sunday concerts have an important role to play in the cultural life of Cambridge.

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I hope you keep this in mind when it comes to a vote.

Sincerely,

Sheldon I. Rothenberg
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City of Cambridge

Comm. from Sheldon I. Rothenberg favoring
the continuation of the concerts on the
Cambridge Common.

In City Council,

May 6, 1974