

Everyone who embarks on an artistic career of any kind must have a Master, Monteux was the last of those giants of the past where the word Master really applies. The Master has now gone, left are the beautiful memories and the examples of principle to follow, enough for a lifetime of search. Whenever I will open a score that I have studied with him, I will hear his gentle voice. -

Those of us who were fortunate to work closely with him, have the chance, now that Maître is gone, to pass on to others what he so generously gave us, a philosophy of Music, and a love for perfection, the conscience that must guide an artist all his life. -

If the function of our being here is, to leave this world a better place than we found it - our beloved Maître has certainly fulfilled this.

I know you will carry on with pride and with dignity, in the knowledge that if it were not for you, we would not have had Maître for as long as we did. -

With love
always your
Warner Tarkenton