



Messages to JBS Members at our New York Conference, from Birgit Nilsson and Elisabeth Söderström

Our JBS Conference attendees were delighted to hear these messages from two special Honorary Advisors to JBS-USA, brought from Sweden by Harald Henrysson:

Dear Mickey Dove and Dan Shea,

Your very kind letter made me so happy—it is for me a great honor indeed, to be considered as Honorary Advisor to the Jussi Björling Society-USA, and I accept your kind invitation with great pride and happiness.

With my very best wishes for a successful and inspiring work in keeping the artistry and memories of our great Jussi Björling alive for many coming generations.

Most sincerely yours,
Birgit Nilsson

To the Members of the Jussi Björling Society Conference:

Jussi Björling's voice was ideally suited for recording and radio and he belonged to the first generation of singers whose vocal development you can follow on discs.

He made numerous recordings of songs which became popular through his very personal interpretation. His sound was Scandinavian but he sang the Italian repertory just as well, and often better, than any Italian tenor.

The audiences loved him and his singing—it was as powerful and heartfelt, sensitive and fresh as ever, when he died at the age of forty-nine.

It may seem to us a great tragedy, but it also means that the treasure of recordings he has left to us, characterised by the "special Björling sound," forever will let us hear a voice which did not have to age. He remains eternally young.

Of all my heart I wish you a successful conference.

Elisabeth Söderström-Olow