

25! Many thanks to Bertil for making possible an English language version of his article for a future JBS newsletter.

### **Björling Memorial Concert**

There will be a Björling Memorial Concert at Hofstra University's Monroe Hall on November 24, 1998, (as noted previously a special date for us). The concert is sponsored by The Friends of Music. Featured will be Cantor Don Goldberg, Cantor Victor Beck, pianist Judy Selsky, and harpist Felice Spungin. The program will consist of many selections beloved by Jussiphiles. Tickets will go on sale in September. For information, contact the Hofstra Cultural Center, Student Center Room 107, Hempstead, NY 11550.

### **New Jussi Documentary**

Harald Henrysson reports that he expects a British TV team to be at the JB Museum in August to begin filming "The Original Three Tenors." Editor's Note: Since it appears that the film crew will be at the Museum during my visit there, I hope to have a more detailed report for the next information letter.

### **Heppner Acknowledges His Hero**

From singer Ben Heppner: "My first favorite, when I started listening to other singers at university, was Fritz Wunderlich," Heppner recalls. "I loved the fluidity, the musicality, the beautiful tenor sound. Then I discovered Jussi Björling, still my favorite voice- passionate, committed at all points." (From Opera News, 4/18/98)

## **VI. Join the Society!**

After several months of organizing, we are delighted to invite you to join the Jussi Björling Society-USA, Inc. Many of you have expressed a keen interest in the Society, and this is your opportunity to give our group its strongest possible start.

We hope that you will join us in our efforts to help honor the memory of a uniquely wonderful artist. In addition, we are aiming at offering a variety of benefits that we think you will enjoy:

- **Newsletter:** A quarterly newsletter featuring articles on Jussi, reproduction of reviews of Jussi's performances, and news about recordings and events.
- **Annual Convention:** We're planning an event in 1999 at which leading Jussicologists will speak.
- **Sharing Knowledge and Experiences:** Many people have memories of Jussi or knowledge of his great number of recordings; the Society will facilitate the sharing of this information.
- **Website:** We plan to launch a website to promote the Society and to share information about Jussi.
- **Tenor Competition Group Visit:** We are considering offering a group trip at reduced rates to the year 2000 JB Memorial Tenor Competition in Sweden.
- **Special Gifts:** The Opera World catalog and the New York Times article included with this letter are two examples of ways we can help you to stay up to date with news of records, videos, and books of interest to the Jussicologist.

All of these activities will cost money. Some, like the convention or a group trip, should be self-supporting. But there are many other costs associated with establishing the Society, such as