

31st August, 1936.

Hagysagos  
Sz. Gyenes Layos  
Igasgatelo urnak.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 4th. I was exceedingly busy all summer, which prevented my attending to my correspondence, and unfortunately since then I have had a breakdown from overwork. I am now, I am glad to say, convalescent, and as I do not wish to keep you waiting longer for a reply, and am still unable to write myself, I am dictating this to my Secretary, in English, as she is unable to write Hungarian.

I was very disappointed indeed to read the contents of your letter, and to know that now, for the second time, a picture sent by me for the purpose of helping the young artists has, by some strange coincidence, failed to serve its purpose.

As this picture of a Persian Dancer has, as I say, by a peculiar coincidence, not been used for the purpose for which one of your Directors, Mr. Louis Mark, asked me for it, I wish to dispose of it otherwise, and will be glad if you will hand it over, in my name, to the proper authority for the Municipal Museum of Budapest, to whom I am writing by the same post as this. It may be that they will call upon you for the picture.

You mentioned that you wish to have this picture as a foundation for a Munkácsy memorial. I should have thought that such a memorial to that great man should have been inspired by the city or the Government, and not by a small private society. For that reason I do not wish to have/

have my picture used for that purpose at present, but the time will come - and I hope that it will come soon - when I myself intend to take a proper interest and do my duty towards the proper organisation of a worthy monument to that great Hungarian artist.

I am quite surprised that I have had no letter about this matter from your colleague, Louis Mark, who first wrote to me asking me to send the picture for the purpose of a lottery, of which the proceeds would be given to the poor artists.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon telling me that this matter has been properly carried out.

I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Nagysagos  
Sz. Gyenes Layos  
Igazgatojo urnak.