

To the Council of the Imperial
Academy of Arts St. Petersburg

Gentlemen

It having come to my knowledge that there is a vacancy in the Imperial Academy of St. Petersburg I feel impelled respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the honor of filling a position of so much distinction.

Should I have the happiness of being elected a Member of your honorable body permit me to say that I shall very greatly appreciate the flattering distinction it would confer upon me. Such an incident, one of the pure and sparkling rays in the sun of life, must be sensitively and lastingly gratifying to an artist of any country.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble servant

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