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Semi-Annual Newsletter published in May and November

It is the time of the year when we happily announce the coming of our 9th annual International Laureates Festival. This summer, **iPalpiti** returns to LA on "wings" of a fantastic tour in Israel as you have seen it in Opus 15a.

The Festival will feature 30 prize-winning artists from 26 countries.

A new addition to our concerts is **Bassiona Amorosa** — a virtuosi sextet of double bassists from Munich, making their West Coast debut at the Ford Amphitheatre on July 25.

Seven concerts will be presented in one week, satisfying music aficionados with a tremendous variety: glorious romantics, classics, popular, contemporary — played as ensembles, solo and as orchestra. We invite you to join us for an intimate afternoon concert & fabulous tea service in the Greystone Mansion, for an outdoor show at the historic Ford Amphitheatre, "Meet the Artists" pre-Disney Gala — (a 3rd season tradition at the estate of generous Helena and Stanley Kolodziey), and the grand finale at the Disney Hall to hear the entire **iPalpiti** — this summer in an eclectic program, featuring the fearlessly exciting **cellist** from Latvia **Kristaps Bergs**.



Keep this publication as the reminder not to miss the highlight of the musical summer in LA in the last week of July, when you CAN come to ALL concerts, MEET all musicians, and HEAR glorious music.

See full festival schedule on the cover page and reserve the best seats NOW for a true musical FEAST for your soul (and for every budget)!

It will be my honor to welcome every one of you personally,

Laura Schmieder, Director

To refresh what the Festival is about, may we offer a concluding paragraph from a post-festival review last year by the Beverly Hills Outlook:

What can we say about the iPalpiti soloists and Young Artists International in general? They arranged terrifically varied programs which had appeal for a wide spectrum of audience demographics which could — and did — bring in audiences of all ages. What makes it work? Actually, WHO makes it work? It is the visionary **Maestro Eduard Schmieder** who projects himself deeply into the spirit of the music and brings out the dramatic and lyrical qualities of each piece while retaining his incredible poise and imperturbability, holding the group in check while giving them room for expression and keeping the shape of the work clear. Like a magnet, every eye is upon him and what exudes from the stage is the deep respect accorded him by each player. The only downside is that iPalpiti comes to Los Angeles once a year and for one week only. If you miss it, you have missed a truly magnificent musical experience, the likes of which exist nowhere else. As Sir Thomas Beecham has stated: "Great music is that which penetrates the ear with facility and leaves the memory with difficulty. Magical music never leaves the memory."

— August 11, 2005 by Charles Lonberger & Dorian





2006

Violin

Nabih Bulos /Jordan
Catharina Chen /Norway
Aisha Dossumova /Kazakhstan
Sasha Fedosova /Ukraine
Felipé Garcia Rodriguez /Spain
Nora Hapca /Romania
Robert Kowalski /Poland
Mari-Liis Pakk /Estonia
Peter Rainer /Germany*
Yulia Sakharova /Moldova
Misa Yamuro /Japan

Viola

Jubel Chen /Taiwan
Rumen Cvetkov /Bulgaria
Kinga Maria Roesler /Poland
Thomas Weilbach /Germany

Cello

Georgi Anichenko /Belarus-France
Kristaps Berg /Latvia
Jason Calloway /USA
Jelena Ocich /Croatia

Double Bass

Ljubinko Lazic /Serbia
Roman Patkolo /Slovakia

Piano

Henri Bonamy /France

*concertmaster

Bassiona Amorosa

Roman Patkolo /Slovakia
Artem Chirkov /Russia
Andrei Shynkevich /Belarus
Ljubinko Lazic /Serbia
Jan Jirmasek /Czech Republic
George Makhoshvili /Georgia
Pianist Mavzhida Gimaletdinova /Russia

Guest Artists

Tibi Cziger, clarinet /Israel
Marcia Dickstein, harp /USA
Adrian Spence, flute /USA

Mementos from Benefactors Concerts & Events

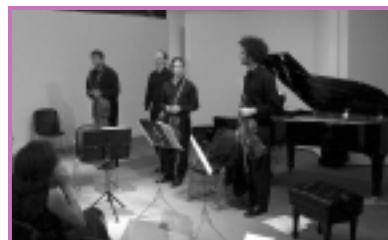
The “Benefactors Concert Series,” presented throughout the year in private estates, affords an opportunity to introduce the organization, raise funds for its programs, and for the audience to enjoy a musical evening in an exclusive salon atmosphere.

We thank the generous benefactors who open their salons and sponsor these events: SOTHEBY’s/Fred Backlar, Severyn Ashkenazy, Helena & Stanley Kolodziey, Susan & Charles Avery Fisher (NY).

SOTHEBY’s: annual Leo Frankel Tribute, November 17, 2005



Fred Backlar of Sotheby’s with patrons Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Benardout



Nathan Frankel, Pres. of Advanced Steel & YAI Board member, performs with musicians Dvorak’ Piano Quartet.



Nathan, Degelia sisters, Tom & Linda Govreau



Benefactors Lillian Brem, Herb & Annette Wolas

Annual Holiday Party took a “chic” turn when Helena & Stanley Kolodziey hosted it at their fabulous estate with elegant hospitality and unending generosity, as always. December 10, 2005



Mary Levin Cutler (YAI founding chairman), Hosts Stanley & Helena Kolodziey, Maestro Schmieder & Lillian Brem



Vice Chair Kay Dangaard with advisory board members Wanda Presburger & Liz Bradley



Theodore Bikel — an intimate performance for Kay.



Helena Kolodziey, YAI Director Laura Schmieder, Stanley Kolodziey with iPalpiti appreciation plaque



Roman & Yana Shukman, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Schloss (Schloss Group of Merrill Lynch, YAI advisors), Liz Bradley-Helmik and Billie Milam Weisman

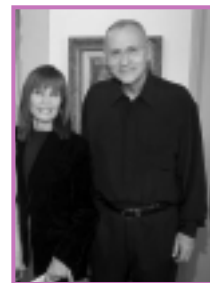
Alumnus Ken Aiso plays at Severyn Ashkenazy’s home, January 14, 2006



Host Severyn Ashkenazy, Theodore Bikel, iPalpiti alumnus Irish violinist Catherine Leonard, Jonathan Steinberg (YAI Chairman of the Board)



Violinist Ken Aiso from London, in performance



Kara Fox & Host Severyn Ashkenazy

Violinists Sayako Kusaka & Catharina Chen at Helena & Stanley Kolodziey's home March 25.



Christine Marcus, Mary Cutler, YAI Chairman Jonathan Steinberg, Norwegian Consul, Gilbert Cutler, Dr. James Montagano



Host with benefactors Jack & Rose Engles, David Wiener & Lila and Laura Schmieder, YAI Director



The Artists with pianist Evgeny Milyavsky



The Norwegian Royal Consul Dagfinn Gunnarshaug with violinist Catharina



Maestro, Catharina, Mary & Gilbert Cutler



Countess Gabrielle Serigo, Hosts Helena & Stanley Kolodziey with violinist Sayako Kusaka & Consul of Japan Yasuhaki Kawaba



Benefactor Paula St. John "introduces" YAI to Laguna, hosted by Terry & Stephen Zwick in their Laguna Hills home, March 19.

Alumnus Pianist Stanislaw Drzewiecki after his solo recital at the Cerritos Center on March 22(with YAI Director Laura Schmieder)



April 22, A Special Private concert for Benefactor Celeste Van Myers and Christine Marcus at their home.

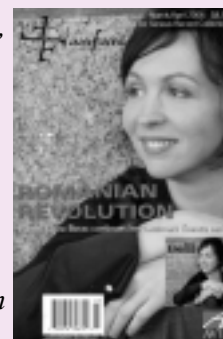
Alumni News:

Violinist Sayako Kusaka was named "Best Musician of the Year 2005" by the Music Critics Association of Japan.

Pianist Luiza Borac' new release of Enescu sonatas on AVIE was a feature cover "Romanian Revolution." Pianist Luiza Borac continues her landmark Enescu series" in the March/April issue of FANFARE, The Magazine for Serious Record Collectors; in August, she will be a collaborative pianist at the Mozarteum Summer Academy Salzburg in the class of professor Schmieder.

Violinist Catherine Leonard: in addition to solo career in Europe, she is named Principal Violinist The Bob Christensen Chair in Violin with Camerata Pacifica in California.

Violinist Daniel Austrich was a 2nd prize winner in the Sarasate International Violin Competition in Spain and the Paganini International Violin Competition in Russia.



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Volunteers are a vital part of Young Artists International.

Wonderful dedicated people — who give their talent, time, knowledge and experience so generously — help us make it all possible. In our goals to unite the future generation of musicians internationally, we are also building a social group of supporters at our home base in Los Angeles. Many of our volunteers are young professionals which makes it even more exciting.

Once a year we gather at an Appreciation Event/Holiday party for volunteers (Friends of YAI) and board members enjoying the holiday spirit and having a chance to showcase their talents.

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We welcome new volunteer force for the festival 2006 where needs are many: hosting and driving artists is one BIG project.

Next Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, June 25, 12 -1:30pm.

Meeting Room

Beverly Hills Public Library
444 N. Rexford

Questions & RSVP your attendance
310.205.0511

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be ordered through YAI NOW**

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Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m.
Ford Amphitheatre — *Bassiona Amorosa*
West Coast debut of prize-winning virtuosi
sextet of double-bassists from Munich.
In program: entertaining arrangements of
popular classical, film scores and songs

Wednesday, July 26, 7:00pm
Beverly Hills Estate of Helena & Stanley Kolodziej
Disney Concert Preview: *"Meet the Artists" Gala*

Thursday, July 27, 4:00pm
Greystone Mansion Beverly Hills, CA
Music & Tea in the Mansion / iPalpiti Soloists
Enjoy a pre-concert stroll in the Mansion Gardens, music in
the Mansion and a fabulous tea service on the Terrace

Saturday, July 29, 8:00 pm*
Walt Disney Concert Hall
iPalpiti orchestra of international laureates
Eduard Schmieder, conductor
Kristaps Bergs, soloist

Donors & Artists Reception following

***Disney Hall tickets also available
at  as of July 1
213.480.3232
and as of July 25 @ Box Office**

Through a special grant given by the Student Coalition,
\$2 tickets are available for teachers, students & their parents

*Artists and Programs are subject to change without notice

	No. of Tix	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Rows AA - K	\$27	
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15% discount Group of 15 or more		
	\$175	\$100 is tax-deductible
• Buffet dinner & <i>iPalpiti</i> soloists performance PLUS • one VIP ticket to the <i>iPalpiti</i> orchestra concert at Disney Hall July 29th NOTE: if all VIP seats are sold out, we can only guarantee the best seats available at time of order.		
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Handling Charges: \$4 per ticket

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*** Festival's FULL SCHEDULE & FREE CONCERTS listed on the cover page**

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Bing Theatre
LACMA
5905 Wilshire Blvd
(323) 857-6010

Korn Convocation
Hall
UCLA
(310) 825-2101

Ford Amphitheatre
2580 Cahuenga Blvd East
Hollywood
(323) GO-1FORD

Greystone Mansion
905 Loma Vista Drive
Beverly Hills
(310) 550-4796

Walt Disney Concert Hall
111 North Grand Avenue
Los Angeles
(213) 972-7211

Benefactors Series Upcoming Events:

May 30 6pm **Pianist Giuseppe Albanese (Italy)**
Italian Cultural Institute, Los Angeles
Under the auspices of Consul General of Italy Hon. Diego Brasioli

June 11 6pm **Tenor Timur Bekbosunov (Kazakhstan) & Baritone Kevin Moreno (USA)**
A Fusion: Russian Romances, Broadway & Opera
Home of Dr. Alex & Natalie Gershman, Beverly Hills

November 19 6pm **DUO PARIS: Violinist Vadim Tchijik & Pianist David Bismuth (France)**
4th annual Leo Frankel Tribute / Nathan Frankel, lead guest violinist
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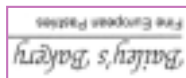
To be invited/RSVP call 310.205.0511 or visit www.YoungArtists.org
All admission charges are your tax-deductible donation to YAI.
More to come in the post-festival issue of Opus 17.

Taos Destination Planner

Before coming to LA on July 23rd, *iPalpiti* will have a rehearsal retreat in the historical Ft. Burgwin, a vicinity of Taos. An art Mecca with over 80 galleries, this picturesque town at the base of New Mexico's Sange de Cristo Mountains is bound to satisfy many of your passions, including *iPalpiti* concerts at Ft. Burgwin:
July 20: *iPalpiti* Soloists
July 21: *iPalpiti* orchestra/Eduard Schmieder, conductor.
July 22: *iPalpiti* orchestra (closed to the public)

Presented as part of Ima Leete Hutchison Series. All concerts begin at 8:00pm
Information 505.758.8322
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an astounding demonstration of seamless and beauteous string playing."

— Daniel Cariaga, Los Angeles Times

Sunday July 23, 6pm	Bing Theatre, LACMA- <i>iPalpiti</i> Soloists: Bassist Roman Patkoló & Friends. In Program: Bottesini, Sarasate, Liszt	FREE	Thursday July 27, 4pm	Greystone Mansion / Music & Tea <i>iPalpiti</i> Soloists – virtuosi showcase	\$75
Tuesday July 25, 7pm	Ford Theatre – <i>Bassiona Amorosa</i> Prize-winning virtuosi sextet of double-bassists from Munich. Mixing classical and popular selections with verve and flair, they have thrilled audiences worldwide. West Coast debut.	\$12-27	Saturday July 29, 8pm	Walt Disney Concert Hall <i>iPalpiti</i> / Schmieder/Bergs Kazhgali: Konzertstück Arensky: Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky, Op. 35A Salinen: Nocturnal Dances of Don Juan Quixote, Op. 58 KRISTAPS BERGS, CELLO SOLOIST Vainberg: Symphony N 7, Op. 81 for Strings & Harpsichord Dunaevsky-Dreznin: Circus Fantasy	\$20-\$80
Wednesday July 26, 7pm	Beverly Hills Estate of Helena & Stanley Kolodziej "Meet the Artists" pre-Disney Gala reception concert & reception. <i>iPalpiti</i> Soloists	\$100-\$175	Sunday July 23, 6pm	Bing Theatre, LACMA – <i>iPalpiti</i> Soloists Ravel: Introduction & Allegro, Harp Septet Chausson: Concerto for Violin, Piano & String Quartet	FREE
Thursday July 27, 1pm	UCLA/ Korn Convocation Hall <i>iPalpiti</i> Soloists — Martinu: Madrigals; Kodaly: Violin/Cello Duo; Ravel: Harp Septet	FREE			

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Festival Rehearsal Retreat: July 16-23: Taos, NM (Concerts: July 20- Soloists; July 21, 22 - *iPalpiti*)