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# Opus 17

November, 2006

During the Festival 2006 in July, 30 prize-winning musicians from 24 countries performed 10 concerts in two weeks and became referred to as the "Musical Peace Corps." Stepping away from tradition of the Chairman/or Director's remarks, we open this Opus with a letter from of *iPalpiti* cellist Jason Calloway, a native of Philadelphia. Post-festival thanks come from each musician – this one epitomizes them all and moved me so.

8 August 2006

Dr. & Dearest Mrs. Schmieder –

*It is with greatest longing that I write to you to express my most sincere gratitude for the exquisite gift that has been iPalpiti. As I was first interested in the group and even long after your invitation, I was in no way prepared for the transforming experience yet to come.*

*This beautiful ensemble has been for me an ideal testament to the power of this most noble art of music; through the perfect melding of our dear and most generous maestro, a unique yet like-minded group of such talented artists, and above all – your singular vision and dedication in uniting us all. I have been blessed with a true musical fellowship which will remain in my heart always. That we are able to come together from all over the world in such harmony is a true miracle.*

*I will forever cherish the devoted music-making and lasting friendships forged in these last weeks and hope only to be able to rekindle all which is iPalpiti next.*

*Thank you and our maestro for everything and I remain Fondly yours, Jason*

The camaraderie between the artists was unprecedented this year, and their on-going communications and gatherings are heart-warming. Festival received laudatory attention in the media and a great review in the Los Angeles Times. In addition to our flagship *iPalpiti* orchestra & Soloists, *Bassiona Amorosa*, a virtuosi sextet of double bassists from Munich performed at the Ford Theatre with incomparable virtuoso Roman Patkolo placing the audience in owe of his performance of Sarasate' Ziguenerweisen.

We all can be proud of our achievements: the quality and quantity of cultural programs we have given to the community; assistance in the careers of exceptional young musicians; and creating a truly universal cultural network between almost 200 artists from all over the world, promoting international understanding. That we have done so operating mostly on dedication and incessant volunteer work of a few, it is a miracle that we are coming into our 10th year! Invitations for *iPalpiti* are pouring in — from festivals to international tours; rarely we can accept any, due to dependence on the funding. While we acknowledge that as much as success of Young Artists International comes from the Maestro and the *iPalpiti* artists, we know that it would not be possible without community support. We trust that you, our friends and benefactors, will take an important role in making these plans come to fruition. I am looking forward to personally greeting you in all our future events!

Laura Schmieder, Director



*iPalpiti at Disney Hall 2006*



*"Without Maestro"  
on the Music Center Plaza, next to iPalpiti poster*

## *“Scenes” from the Festival*



The Artists — *iPalpiti* Soloists performed

*Helena and Stanley Kolodziey,  
Proprietors of KRÖL Spirits,  
generously hosted  
the 3rd annual pre-Disney gala  
at their home for 100+ guests*



*The Audience*

*Jeweler Isabella Marmelshtein presented beautifully boxed gifts to ALL 30 musicians:  
gold/diamond necklaces for girls and bracelets for boys.*



Isabella (2nd R)  
with Ada and  
Leonard Sands &  
Kristaps Bergs,  
soloist from Latvia



Violinist  
from Estonia  
Mari-Liis Pakk

*Gifts on  
Display*



Concertmaster Peter Rainer (Germany)

## *The Fun*



Sampling the KRÖL spirits:  
(L-R) Ada Sands, Laura Schmieder,  
Helena Kröl-Kolodziey, Bobby Cooker



Leonard Sands & Stanley Kolodzey & KRÖL



L-R: Benefactor Larry Chrysler with *iPalpiti*  
musicians Julia Sakharova (Moldova), Nabih  
Bulos (Jordan), Felipe (Spain), and volunteer  
Matthew Michaels.

## *The Finale*



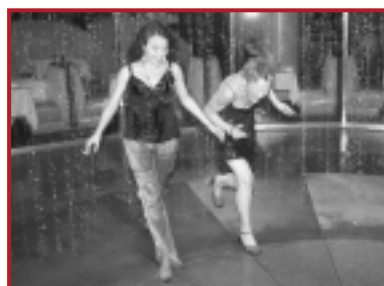
*iPalpiti*, Bassiona & special Friends on 1st fow L-R:  
Consul General of Germany Christian Stocks & Mrs. Stocks,  
Billie Greer, Director of the Governor's LA Office.



Croatian cellist Jelena Ochich with Consul  
General of Croatia.



Violinist Felipe Rodriguez Garcia with Hon.  
Consul General of Spain Innocencio Arias  
and Mrs. Arias.



**Consul Stocks hosted a generous post-concert  
reception for the Bassiona Amorosa.  
Bassiona's concert at the Ford Theatre  
was underwritten by  
the Robert Rifkind Foundation.**

# Benefactors Series in New York

On October 22, Susan & Charles Avery Fisher, hosted a 2nd preview event at their home.

YAI' artistic advisor Maestro Vladimir Ashkenazy was Guest of Honor. *iPalpiti* artist violist Juan-Miguel Hernandez performed in trio with his friends clarinetist Uriel Vanchestein (Canada) and pianist Ran Dank (Israel). Playing Mozart, Schumann and Bruch' trios, artists received warm reception and raving satisfaction from Maestro Ashkenazy.

**WE THANK OUR EAST COAST PATRONS SUSAN & CHARLES AVERY FISHER,  
YAI' VICE CHAIR HERNANDO COURTRIGHT AND ALL SPECIAL GUESTS!**



Artists with Maestro Ashkenazy  
*Two days later Juan-Miguel had another highlight: playing in Carnegie Hall as a soloist and as a member of the newly formed Harlem Quartet performing a quartet by Wynton Marsalis ( YAI artistic advisor) to a sold-out audience.*



Mr. Fisher, Maestro Schmieder, Dodi & Maestro Vladimir Ashkenazy, Ran Dank, Juan-Miguel Hernandez, Uriel Vanchestein, Susan Fisher, Hernando Courtright.

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS OF THE FESTIVAL 2007!

From driving musicians to stuffing the mail, to ushering, to phone calls – we need you and are grateful for your dedication – giving us your talent, time, knowledge and experience so generously.

A special welcome to Elizabeth Marks for helping with PR & taking brilliantly the role of the stage manager at the Disney Hall.

A very special THANK YOU to our photographer Dana Ross who has not missed a day in all YAI' activities since 1998! Visit his site [danarossphotography.com](http://danarossphotography.com) to see remarkable portraits of our musicians and captured moments from Festival behind-the-scenes.

Larry & Shirley Grodsky  
Jama Lambert  
Hogan Lee

Elizabeth Marks  
Matthew Michael  
Dr. James Montagano  
Asya Rachitsky

Dana Ross  
Judge Harold Shabo  
Ruth Weglein

We welcome a new volunteer force for the year around and the festival 2007 where needs are many, driving artists is one BIG project. • Call to "enroll": 310.205.0511

## SAVE THE DATE Annual Appreciation/ Holiday Party

Saturday, December 17, 2 pm

Hosted by  
Eduard and Laura Schmieder  
at their home.

Once a year we gather at this event for Friends of YAI and board members, enjoying the holiday spirit and a chance to showcase their own talents.

**Invitations coming!**

**THANK YOU TO TODD HAWKINS, YAI'S CREATIVE ASSISTANT SINCE 2004.**

Whatever time he finds for YAI away from his studies at UCLA, all is always done to perfection. We look forward to having "more of him" in 2007!

**THANK YOU to the City of Beverly Hills for continuing support:**

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January – October 2006

We welcome New Members! Send this letter to your friends, bring them to our events. In January we send our annual Membership Appeal.

REMEMBER US IN YOUR END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING AND PREPAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

We know you are overwhelmed with charity requests;

however, it is not an exaggeration to say that by supporting YAI's mission you are saving a truly endangered species:

*if we do not support these exceptional, dedicated and brave young musicians — where will the world be with the cultural values of today?*

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2006

#### Violin

Nabih Bulos /Jordan  
Catharina Chen /Norway  
Aisha Dossumova /Kazakhstan  
Vladimir Dyo /Kazakhstan  
Sasha Fedosova /Ukraine  
Felipé Rodriguez Garcia /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 Ochich /Croatia

#### Double Bass

Roman Patkolo /Slovakia  
Ljubinko Lazic /Serbia

#### Piano

Henri Bonamy /France

\*concertmaster

#### Guest Artists

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

## MORE From the Artists:

Panorama Almanac had a feature article on Festival and published questionnaire interviews with some of the *iPalpiti* artists:

*Young Artists International is a superb and unique organization, which helped me to develop myself to highest extent. Moreover, Maestro Schmieder, and Mrs. Schmieder, have a special place in my heart, because of their endless care for their artists, and their enormous contribution not only to the music, but also to the cultural education of many young musicians, who are given the chance to express their talent. I will always be grateful to them.*

-Rumen Cvetkov, violist (Bulgaria)

*Young Artist International is an important organization that took part in my life two years ago. In this short time they have already brought me to Festivals in Slovenia, Salzburg (Mozarteum), New Mexico, Los Angeles (Disney Concert Hall), Israel, and still to come, New York (Carnegie Hall).*

*The group of musicians who are brought from all around the world are of an exquisite caliber chosen among the best.*

*I always look forward to working with Maestro Schmieder because he is incredibly inspiring to work with and gives me a whole new look on music which I can keep within me forever.*

*I admire this organization at many levels and will always be part of it as long as it stays alive through the generosity of many wonderful sponsors that believe in the arts of classical music.*

- Juan-Miguel Hernandez, violist/Canada

*iPalpiti has a very special spirit. A place where the music is behind the notes, where we look for the meaning of the music, not only what is written in the music. A place where it is important that everybody gives something from his heart and his soul, what makes it so special. Young Artist International is very important to me.*

-Isabelle Lambelet, violinist/Switzerland

And, a sampling from the post-festival email exchanges:

*It is amazing to hear you all guys!!!!!!*

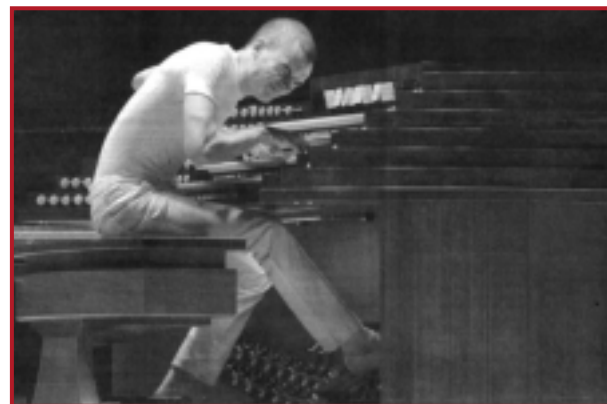
*Every one of you have created such Universe as "iPalpiti" under the baton of our beloved Maestro! As our 2nd daddy Peter [the concertmaster] said (1st is Dr. Schmieder) that it is first time happened, and all because of each of you.*

*I wish we would carry it on throughout our lifes! My BELOVED friends, brothers, sisters... I-M-I-S-S-Y-O-U-!-!-! -Vova ( Vladimir Dyo, violinist/Kazakhstan)*

## Alumni News

**Cameron Carpenter**, organist/USA – invited to perform at the opening organ marathon recital at the Philadelphia's Kimmel Center, one among five world chosen virtuoso! Opened River to River festival in New York.

Organ virtuoso Cameron Carpenter, known as "the Jewel of Juilliard," performs during the organ recital marathon in Verizon Hall at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. (Dallas Morning News)



**Timo-Veikko Valve**, cellist/Finland appointed a Solo Cellist of the Australian Chamber Orchestra.

**Peter Denes**, violist/Hungary – member, Salzburg Camerata

**Igor Sagan**, violinist/Slovakia – 1st violins, Koln Radio Orchestra

**Alexandru Tomescu**, violinist/Romania – in addition to his very busy solo career, Alex founded Romanian Piano Trio that will tour annually from September to December each week to a different Romanian city and play a concert with the three concertos by Schumann (for violin, cello, and piano), a recital (also with works by Schumann), and a master class. [www.RomanianPianoTrio.ro](http://www.RomanianPianoTrio.ro)

## WISH LIST

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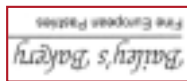
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## Highlights 2007

### upcoming events

Sunday, November 19, 4pm  
SOTHEBY's Beverly Hills  
4th annual Tribute to Leo Frankel

featuring **DUO PARIS:**

*iPalpiti* alumni violinist Vadim Tchiijk  
and pianist David Bismuth  
*iPalpiti* artists Juan-Miguel Hernandez,  
cellist Jason Calloway

and guest violinist Nathan Frankel (YAI board member)

In Program: Popular selections from Gershwin, Bazzini,  
Bloch & Dvořák's Piano Quintett

February 10, 2007 – Alumnus Catherine Leonard, Irish violinist.  
Home of Ada & Leonard Sands, Brentwood

April 2007 date TBA – Residence of the Hon. Alain Dudoit,  
Consul General of Canada

Featuring YAI's Canadians: Martin Chalifour, Jens Lindemann  
& Juan-Miguel Hernandez

*Presented throughout the year in private residences  
and exclusive salons by invitation only.*

### 10th anniversary celebrations will include

*iPalpiti* debut at Carnegie Hall

March 7, 2007, New York

*LA fans & benefactors:*

*plan your trip*

*to support iPalpiti in New York!*

10th annual Festival

July 15–30, Los Angeles

Festival Gala: July 22

*iPalpiti* at Disney Hall – July 26

More to come... Info: 310.205.0511

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