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Dear Friends,

In about two months 25 artists will arrive to LA from 18 countries (see the list on page 2) to participate in the 10th annual International Laureates Festival.

They will treat you with great programs of popular, unknown, and rarely heard music. And, we will celebrate our 10 years in Los Angeles by opening the Festival with a GALA at the historic Ebell of Los Angeles which will be a lot of fun with our dear friend and great actor Theodor Bikel hosting the evening, dining, dancing, & surprises! Invitations will arrive in June and we welcome you all — the more the merrier!

We thank you for many years of your generous and continuing support, and this year we need it more than ever! *iPalpiti's* success in its New York Carnegie Hall debut in March — to a great review in the *New York Times* — proved once more the power of international cooperation and understanding that comes from the collaboration of all the *iPalpiti* artists when they gather for work and performances from their countries.

In these tumultuous times in world affairs, you all can be proud of your continuing role in making possible the achievements of Young Artists International: providing the community with musical programs of the highest standard; assisting exceptional young musicians at strategic periods in their careers; and creation of a worldwide cultural network among our 200+ artists, the friendship and professional relations lasting throughout their lifetimes.



Nan Melville for The New York Times
Eduard Schmieder conducting the iPalpiti orchestra at Carnegie Zankel Hall

**Please show your support by booking Festival tickets right now (order form on page 5)
We will greatly appreciate your attention to our WISH LIST!**

It will be my honor to welcome each of you personally at all Festival events!

Laura Schmieder, Director



“...a fitting name for the vibrant string orchestra from which the conductor Eduard Schmieder elicited a lively pulse...the ensemble was particularly noteworthy for its unity of purpose and blend. It was as if the musicians' hearts were beating to the same buoyant rhythm...lustrous, polished tone and graceful phrasing.”

— Vivien Schweitzer, *New York Times* (2007)



2007

iPalpiti 2007 members come to Los Angeles from 18 countries

Violin

Fumino Ando/Japan
Peter Rainer /Germany*
Robert Kowalski/Poland
Mari-Liis Pakk/Estonia
Aisha Dossumova/Kazakhstan
Vladimir Dyo/Kazakhstan
Sayako Kusaka/Japan
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Daniel Turcina/Slovakia
Ellen Jung/Canada
Juan Gonzalez/Venezuela

Viola

Rumen Cvetkov/Bulgaria
Boris Rimmer/Israel
Sharon Wei/Canada
Thomas Weilbach/Germany

Cello

Kristaps Bergs/Latvia
Nicholas Canellakis/USA
Xian Zhuo/China
Julie Jung/Canada

Bass

Kristoffer Saebo/USA

Piano

Vassily Primakov/Russia
Jennie Jung/Korea-Canada

*concertmaster

Artist Highlights

Vassily Primakov, piano



"fiery performance... bold, expressive phrasing and dramatic commitment brought the audience to its feet." – *New York Times*

Vassily began his U.S. career after capturing First Prize in the 2002 Young Concert Artists International Auditions. Winner of the Silver Medal and Audience Prize at the 2002 Gina Bachauer International Artists Piano Competition, Vassily was awarded many special prizes, and today performs widely across the U.S. in solo recital and with orchestra.

Sayako Kusaka, violin
"Girl with a silken bow..."

Sayako received "Best Musician of the Year" Award from the Critic's Association of Japan (2005). Winner of top prizes in numerous prestigious international competitions such as Sibelius and Paganini, she currently resides in Berlin as a Performance Achievement Award recipient from the Japan Foundation and sustains extensive performing schedule. She has performed with *iPalpiti* since 2000, including tours to Japan and Israel.



Both Vassily and Sayako were soloists with *iPalpiti* in New York: Vassily played a Shostakovich concerto and Sayako soloed with Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir d'un Lieu Cher*.

On July 26, they will play as a duo on the Disney Hall stage in Mendelssohn's Double Concerto, as well in Piazzolla's Four Seasons.



YAI debut: The Jung Trio

Hailed for its soul-stirring performances, The Jung Trio - sisters Jennie, Ellen, and Julie Jung - "a spectacular group with wonderful musicality at their fingertips," has established its status as one of the most notable rising young ensembles of today (with features in prestigious *Strad* and *Strings* magazines). Born and raised in Toronto, the trio has appeared in concerts all across North America as well as around the world. **Hear the sisters live at the Greystone Mansion on July 25, 6 pm** (see festival schedule).

Roman Patkoló - double bass/Slovakia, was the soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra (April 18), together with violinist Anne-Sofie Mütter, in the premiere of André Previn's double concerto.

"I've never heard such a fantastic player," said Previn.

"...Patkoló's superb technique and tonal focus allowed him to be heard more clearly than you might expect. His playing was distinguished by a remarkable clarity and fluidity, and he negotiated the solo part with the ease of someone playing a much smaller instrument." — *Boston Globe*

Timo-Veikko Valve, cellist/Finland, was appointed a Solo Cellist of the Australian Chamber Orchestra. In April, he was on the US tour with this group and performed at the Coleman Chamber Series in Pasadena.

Luiza Borac, pianist/Romania, received the **BBC Music Magazine Award** in London this April. She continues active recording with AVIE Records, a busy concert schedule, teaching at the Hamburg Hochschule, and this summer again will be a collaborative pianist at the Mozarteum Academy Salzburg in the class of Prof. Schmieder.

Kristoffer Saebo, bass/USA, was selected for The Academy — a program of Carnegie Hall and the Juilliard School of Performance Fellowship for Outstanding Post-Graduate Musicians, and will be featured in concerts from January 2007 through June 2007.

Alumni News:



Photo: Robert E. Klein

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), Laura & Eduard Schmieder, Ada & Leonard Sands Trudy & Bob Bogert.

Annual Leo Frankel Tribute at SOTHEBY's



Nathan Frankel, *Duo Paris* (Vadim Tchijik, violin & David Bismuth, piano), Miguel Hernandez, viola, Jason Calloway, cello, performing Dvořák's Piano Quintett



Fred Backlar of Sotheby's welcomes the guests



Nadia, Nathan, Becka Frankel and artists



Annette & Herb Wolas (Nathan in the middle), Harold Schloss

Sir Angel Romero, celebrated guitarist of the “Royal Family of Guitar” performed February 10th at the Kolodziey's Estate



Benefactor Richard Barnard, Mikhail & Tonia Gershfeld, YAI Chairman Jonathan Steinberg



Sir Angel Romero performed with his wife, Nefi



Ron & Elisabeth Bauer, host Helena Kröl-Kolodziey, Leonard & Ada Sands



Finale nightcap — Schmieders (Eduard, Hanna, Laura), Romeros, and Taylor Hackford



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Annual Holiday Appreciation Party

This year, hosted by the Schmieders, it was attended by over 50 members and volunteers. The fun part (besides great food & spirits) included performance of YAI long-time volunteer, **Mime/Entertainer Karen Lorshbough**. Karen tours throughout the United States presenting her very successful one woman educational program that encourages and thrills children into writing a story! The Schmieder's friend comedienne **actress Naomi Grossman** presented “musical memoirs” excerpts from her one-woman show.



If you would like to open your home for a salon event, please contact us: 310.205.0511

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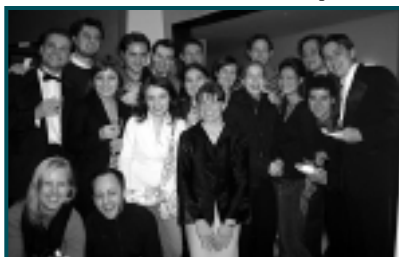
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Volunteers are a vital part of Young Artists International.

From driving musicians to stuffing the mail, to ushering, to phone calls - we need you and grateful for your dedication — giving us your talent, time, knowledge and experience so generously. JAMA LAMBERT (center in photo), our volunteer since 2002, has traveled to NY to be with *iPalpiti* at their Carnegie Hall debut and help. And, 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 danarossphoto.com to see remarkable portraits of our musicians and captured moments from Festival behind-the-scenes. Once a year we gather at an Appreciation Event/Holiday party for volunteers and board members enjoying the holiday spirit and having a chance to showcase their talents.

Jeannine Carter	Karen Lorshbough	Asya Rachitsky
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We welcome new volunteer force for the festival 2007 where needs are many: hosting and driving artists is one BIG project.

Call to “enroll”: 310.205.0511

Next Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, June 24, 12 -1:30pm.

YAI OFFICE
1900 Avenue of the Stars
Suite 1880

Questions & RSVP your attendance
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Sunday, July 22, 6 p.m.
Ebell Club of Los Angeles

10th anniversary **Gala**
dinner, dancing, entertainment
INCLUDES one VIP ticket to the *iPalpiti*
orchestra concert at Disney Hall July 26th
NOTE: all VIP seats are sold out; we can only guarantee
the best seats available at time of order

Wednesday, July 25, 6:00pm
Greystone Mansion Beverly Hills, CA
The Jung Trio (Jennie/piano, Ellen/violin, Julie/cello)

Thursday, July 26, 8:00 pm*

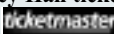
Walt Disney Concert Hall
iPalpiti orchestra
Eduard Schmieder, conductor
Soloists: Sayako Kusaka,
violin/Vassily Primakov, piano

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Saturday, July 28, 3:00pm
La Señora Institute in the Salon of the
historic Jose Mojica Hacienda
iPalpiti Soloists
Post concert reception & film screening – Reservations Required
Catharina Chen, violin/Kristoffer Saebo, bass/Jennie Jung, piano

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

Handling Charges: \$4 per ticket

I understand that ticket sales do not cover the
Festival expenses and would like to support
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*Artists and Programs are subject to change without notice

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743 S. Lucerne Blvd/
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La Señora Institute
565 Dryad Road
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Greystone Mansion
905 Loma Vista Drive
Beverly Hills
(310) 550-4796

Walt Disney Concert Hall
111 North Grand
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We welcome New Members! Send this letter to your friends, bring them to our events. In February, we sent our annual Membership Appeal.

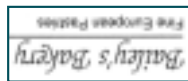
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if we do not support these exceptional, dedicated and brave young musicians — where will the world be with the cultural values of today?

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"With Schmieder conducting, they achieved a memorable, luminous, deeply moving performance...

an astounding demonstration of seamless and beauteous string playing."

— Daniel Cariaga, *Los Angeles Times*

SUNDAY
July 22, 6PM
\$250
10th anniversary GALA
Historic Ebell of Los Angeles
(includes VIP ticket to *iPalpiti* concert at Disney Hall July 26)

July 22, 6PM
FREE
***iPalpiti* Soloists**
at Sundays Live! broadcast/ Bing Theater, LACMA
All-Brahms Program including Piano Quintet in f minor
Sayako Kusaka/Daniel Turcina, violins
Fumino Ando, viola/ Kristaps Bergs, cello
Vassily Primakov, piano

MONDAY
July 23, 1 PM
FREE
***iPalpiti* Soloists**
UCLA/Korn Convocation Hall
Georges Enesco: Octet in C-Major, Opus 7
Peter Rainer/Aisha Dossunova/Robert Kowalski/Mari-Liis Pakk, violins
Rumen Cvetkov/Sharon Wei, violas
Nicholas Cannelakis/Julie Jung, cellists

WEDNESDAY
July 25, 6PM
\$20
MUSIC IN THE MANSION: *The Jung* Trio
Greystone Estate
Jennie/piano, Ellen/violin, Julie/cello
Program TBA

THURSDAY
July 26
8pm
\$20 - \$80
Disney Concert Hall / *iPalpiti* Orchestra, Eduard Schmieder, conductor
Enesco: L'Unisson
Mendelssohn: Concerto for Violin, Piano & orchestra in d minor
Soloists *Sayako Kusaka, violin/Vassily Primakov, piano*
Golijov: Last Round
Piazzolla: Las Cuatro Estaciones Poteñas/The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires

SATURDAY
July 28, 3PM
\$20 - \$35
***iPalpiti* Soloists**
La Señora Institute: in the Salon of the historic Jose Mojica Hacienda
Post concert film screening and reception. Reservations Required.
Bottesini: Gran Duo for Violin & Bass
Catbarina Chen, violin/Kristoffer Saebø, bass/Jennie Jung, piano
Boccherini: "Fandango" Quintet for Strings & Guitar
Angel Romero, guitar

SUNDAY
July 29, 6PM
FREE
***iPalpiti* Soloists at Sundays Live! Bing Theater, LACMA**
Mozart: Divertimento, KV 563)
Enesco: Octet in C-Major
Peter Rainer/Aisha Dossunova/Robert Kowalski/Mari-Liis Pakk, violins
Rumen Cvetkov/Sharon Wei, violas
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