Dear Friends and Music Aficionados:

We are delighted to bring you the good news that we are moving forward with our 24th festival! As LIVE concerts will take place in all scheduled venues - even with post-covid provisions - iPalpiti musicians will infuse all performances with their “trademark” of “positive emotional energy, sending a message of UNITY and HOPE.”

This Festival, 23 musicians from 18 countries were selected to be featured in nine scheduled concerts during July 15-24. Amidst much uncertainty, Maestro and I were thinking of programs to gift our dear audiences heart-filled, soulful performances of truly special selections that epitomize media’s universal praises, including “… iPalpiti Festival has become one of the highlights – in some years, the highlight – of the summer here” - R. Ginell, American Record Guide, 2015

During the “streaming” season, musicians were grateful to hundreds of virtual audiences and to all those who sent contributions. The affirmations that their craft matters kept their spirit and hopes buoyed up. But now, the need is to support LIVE artists in LIVE performances in your community.

Looking forward to greeting you IN PERSON at the concerts!

"...inspired young musicians of iPalpiti from around the globe are united in their hope of bringing beauty into your life through celestial sound, vital rhythm, and eternal loving energy. May we all be blessed by the touch of higher harmony! “

-Maestro Eduard Schmieder
FEATURED SOLOISTS

IVOLINS
Peter Rainer Concert Master Germany
Samuel Allan-Chapkovski Ireland
Takamori Arai Japan
Elvin Hoxha Ganiyev Azerbaijan/Turkey
Miclen Lai Pang Malaysia/USA
Akhem Mamedov Turkmenistan
Nune Melik Canada/Armenia
Samuel Nebyu Hungary/Ethiopia
Irina Rostomashvili Georgia
Aleksandr Snytkin Lithuania/USA
Yuan Tian China
Sendi Vartanovi Georgia/Armenia
Jaewon Wee South Korea
Xuan Shirley Yao China
Diego Zapata Venezuela

VIOLONCELLI
Egor Antonenko Russia/USA
Gustaw Bafeltowski Poland
Josephina Kim USA
Laszlo Mezo Hungary/USA

BASS
Justin Smith USA

PIANO
Jacopo Giacopuzzi Italy/USA

VIOLAS
Julia Clancy USA
Joseph Kauffman USA
Can Sakul Turkey
Zigmund Wang China

“I Year after year you give us a gift for the best concert in town”
-Denis Bade, LA Philharmonic program writer, musicologist

ELVIN HOXHA GANIYEV, violinist/Azerbaijan-Turkey
iPalpiti Special Prize recipient 2021
Elvin is the youngest musician presented with the certificate and badge of the honorary title of Honoured Artist of Azerbaijan for his merits in the development of Azerbaijani culture (2018) and is the recipient of the 2019 IKSV Istanbul Culture and Arts Foundation Aydin Gun Encouragement Award. Since the age of 10 when Elvin made his debut with Moscow Virtuosi under the baton of Vladimir Spivakov at the Kremlin Palace, he has performed with Vladimir Fedoseyev, Vladimir Ashkenazy, and Placido Domingo, among others.

JAEBON WEE, violinist/South Korea
This May, Jaewon won the Second Prize and the Special iPalpiti Prize at the George Enescu International Competition 2020-21 in Bucharest where she performed Brahms’ Violin Concerto with the “George Enescu” Philharmonic Orchestra at the Romanian Athenaeum, a capital’s landmark since 1888. A winner of the Grand Prix and first prizes in numerous national and international competitions, most recently Jaewon performed Prokofiev’ 2nd violin concerto at Lincoln Center, Alice Tully Hall as a winner of the Juilliard School Concerto Competition. As a soloist, she has appeared with many orchestras including New Russia State Symphony Orchestra and Korean Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra.

JACOPO GIACOPUZZI, pianist/Italy-USA
iPalpiti artist since 2013, Jacopo returns this season as an Official Pianist of the 24th season. Multi-talented, with boundless energy, Jacopo performs as a soloist, chamber musician, and in any performances he can fit into his schedule as a successful realtor, franchise creator, avid surfer, also finding time to oversee the iPalpiti website, create CDs, videos and much more.

SAMUEL NEBYU, violinist/Hungary-Ethiopia
Winner of numerous international competitions, violinist in-residence at the prestigious Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel in Belgium, Samuel was featured with the iPalpiti orchestra in LA at the Wallis Annenberg Center (2015) and at Disney Concert Hall (2017). His CD “Violin Gems from Black Composers” received Grammy nomination & named Best Album of the Year by numerous classic radio stations across the nation, including KUSC-FM, now often heard on KUSC playlists.
WELCOME:
Mikhail Gershfeld took the helm as a returning chairman.

Mikhail was the first Chairman of the iPalpiti (then Young Artists International) 1999 -2000. In this photo are the “originals”: Gershfeld brothers Jack (Left) and Mikhail (Right) with spouses Lola & Tonia (sisters) with Maestro & Laura at the 2018 gala at Disney Hall, celebrating Maestro’ 70th. Mikhail created the first logo and Jack created the first website.

New Board Members: Lauren Dani & Stefan Ashkenazy

Miss Nations of the World California Ambassador 2017, Lauren has been an audience fan of iPalpiti since 2015. A SoCal native, she is a certified Community Resiliency Model teacher at the Trauma Resource Institute, working with front-liners during the pandemic, Latinx gang-affiliated youth and also a mentor and writing teacher serving youth in the juvenile justice system. She is an American Cancer Society Young Professionals Network LA/OC Chair, and a former Miss Asia USA California.

Stefan’s Petit Ermitage hotel has been a fabulous and generous home for iPalpiti festivals’ musicians, creative space for 24/7 encouraged practice, where hotel guests immersed in the music-making, improvised performances, and admiring hotel staff taking a full row at Disney’s grand finale concerts season after season. Perpetuated by Stefan’s love and appreciation for music and arts, this year will culminate at Stefan’s new dream creation: Elsewhere Topanga Estate https://elsewherecalifornia.com/

On July 22 join us for a magical evening at Elsewhere Topanga Great Hall

FOR EVENT INVITATION CALL: 323.363.7768
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS, DEDICATED AND NEW.

iPalpiti performances and programs have won unanimous praise around the world. Our Donors list was significantly depleted during the COVID year and we desperately need to replenish it.

THIS IS THE BEST TIME to support LIVE artists in LIVE performances in your community.
During last 18 months musicians were forced to struggle for basic necessities.
We are determined to help our artists in these still extraordinary difficult times.
iPalpiti has been supporting brilliant young professional performers for 24 years.
We need your help to support this struggling generation!

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June 15, 2020 – June 15, 2021
Every effort has been made to ensure
the accuracy of this list.
Any omissions are sincerely regretted.

VOLUNTEERS
While this season Volunteers could not participate in full, we are grateful for their dedicated support over the years and in future seasons!
Linda Bame
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- $3,000 + “Adopt” an Artist (Award, Lodging & Travel)
- $1,800 provides housing for 1 musician during the festival
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- When we feature young artists, we cover ALL expenses (international travel, hotel, meals, local, transportation, venues) and give awards. Memorable annual brochures list each sponsor and each artist’s photo and bio.
- 100% of your contribution goes toward supporting exceptional prize-winning young professional classical musicians from around the world, promoting peace and understanding through music.
iPalpiti 24th Festival LIVESTREAM, the first post-COVID live social event, took place on Sunday June 6, 2021, in the gardens of our Vice Chair Ada Sands in Brentwood. The “abridged” version of the four-hour “coming-out” event was livestreamed; with cocktails, exquisite catered dinner and moving presentations from attending benefactors and iPalpiti orchestra in select short performances. All intended as a glimpse of anticipation for iPalpiti’s Festival this July, with nine LIVE concerts featuring 23 prize-winning musicians from 18 countries.

Watch it on youtube/ipalpitimusic/video

Ada Sands welcomes guests throughout the evening

Argentinian Soprano Camila Lima gave an enchanting performance of "Tango to Opera" selections.

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THURSDAY, JULY 15, 7:30PM  Encinitas Library
VIRTUOSI I: Violin Extravaganza
iPalpiti violinists play their favorites for the audiences’ delight

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 7:30PM  Encinitas Library
VIRTUOSI II: Jaewon Wo, violinist
iPalpiti Special Prize recipient 2021
Stravinsky & Schubert

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 7:30PM  Encinitas Library
VIRTUOSI III: Elvin Hoxha Ganiyev, violinist
iPalpiti Special Prize recipient 2021
From Homeland: Azerbajani & Turkish composers
Jacopo Giacopuzzi, pianist in all three concerts

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 3:00PM  Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center
iPalpiti Orchestra / Eduard Schmieder
FOR THE SOUL:
Arenskey Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky
P.I. Tchaikovsky Souvenir D’un Lieu Cher
Fritz Kreisler Marche Miniature Viennoise
A. Shor “Seascapes” West Coast Premiere
Samuel Nebyu, violin soloist

MONDAY, JULY 19, 6:00PM  Petit Ermitage
iPalpiti Soloists

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 6:00PM  Greystone Mansion Courtyard
iPalpiti Orchestra/Eduard Schmieder
Maestro’s Selections

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 7:30PM  Greystone Mansion
iPalpiti Soloists

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 6:00PM  Elsewhere Topanga Estate
“Hollywood Night” at https://elsewherecalifornia.com/
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SATURDAY, JULY 24, 8:00PM  Saban Theatre*
FESTIVAL GRAND FINALE
iPalpiti Orchestral Ensemble of International Laureates/ Eduard Schmieder
FOR THE SOUL:
Arenskey Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky
P.I. Tchaikovsky Souvenir D’un Lieu Cher
Fritz Kreisler Marche Miniature Viennoise
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Samuel Nebyu, violin soloist

*For practical post-covid reasons, this season’ finale will take place at the historic Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. We will return to Disney Hall for our 25th anniversary in 2022

CONCERT LOCATIONS

Encinitas Library
540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas

Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center
7600 Fay Ave, La Jolla

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8822 Cynthia St. West Hollywood

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905 Loma Vista Dr., Beverly Hills

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8440 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills

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*Artists and Programs are subject to change without notice