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Dear Friends and Music Aficionados:

A full-packed weekend of concerts/events in July was another seasonal celebration and a gift to our community! From the historic Greystone Mansion to the hip roof-top at Petit Ermitage and Finale Concert at the Municipal Gallery at the City Hall of Beverly Hills, our **Stellar Alumni** wowed the audiences, dedicated and new. In this 28th season, featured alumni were Austrian violinist **Yury Revich**, Canadian violist **Juan-Miguel Hernandez**, Ecuadorian cellist **Francisco Vila**, and American-Russian pianist **Svetlana Smolina**. Our new find, flutist **Nikka Gershman**, was a star in Mozart's Flute Quartet. The audiences were treated to "freshly prepared" selections, from Yury's own compositions to Martinů's violin/viola duo to Brahms' piano quartet.

In 2023, after 25 seasons of local and international accolades, naming the festival "...one of the highlights — in some years, *THE highlight* — of the summer here," iPalpiti festival transitioned into biennial production. Presenting interim mini-festivals allows the organization to focus on grants and awards to the artists, catalogue and digitize massive historical recordings and materials, special artistic projects, and allowing iPalpiti's Maestro Eduard Schmieder to take on other summer engagements.

We are proud of our alumni – **over 400 in 63 countries to date** – becoming leading soloists, concertmasters, orchestral and chamber players around the world, carrying the continuity of the great traditions of classical music along the mission of Love, Humanity, and PEACE. Deep ties have been forged, spanning nations; new festivals and celebrations around the world have been born, spreading the spirit of iPalpiti around the globe.

From the audience: "...We greatly admire what you and Eduard have accomplished through the years with iPalpiti. It is a true gift to the world..."

Even if you were not able to attend in person, browse **iPalpiti.org** to check Festival's interactive brochures, find something new on YouTube iPalpitimusic.

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Farewell Rendezvous in Malibu hosted annually by a long-time friend / iPalpiti patron
Thereza Verboon; a chance to meet, hug, and say goodbye to the artists before they head home.



FESTIVAL MEMENTOS

The opening of the *iPalpiti* Festival at **Greystone Mansion** in Beverly Hills brought together friends and supporters for an elegant dinner on the terrace with breathtaking views, followed by a spectacular concert inside the mansion, featuring our Stellar Alumni.



iPalpiti the pulse of music

28th FESTIVAL
July 18-22, 2025

featuring Stellar Alumni:

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Alumni News / Projects

ALUMNI festivals grow around the world:

It is rewarding to us that our alumni, following *iPalpiti* experience, inspired to start the programs in their own countries and beyond, bringing international artists and young musicians together, and referring themselves "working with a younger generation."

SEVAK AVANESYAN, Cellist/Belgium-Armenia

Kapan Festival in Armenia, now in its 3rd VERY successful season

JUAN-MIGUEL HERNANDEZ, Violist/Canada

Festival Del Lago, Mexico

FRANCISCO VILA, Cellist/Ecuador-USA

International Music Festival of Esmeraldas in Ecuador (2015), now in its successful 10th season.

SAMI MERDINIAN, violinist /Argentina & **RAJ DHARAMRAJ**, cellist/USA
New Docta festival, Argentina newdocta.org

PAVEL ŠPORCL, Violinist/Czech Republic

Stars Over Vltava international festival and Sporcl Summer Academy (Prague & beyond)

TIMUR BEKBOSUNOV, Tenor/Kazakhstan

Grammy-winner, Timur recently premiered a chamber cantata "An Attempt to Ascend" by Leonid Desyatnikov at VOICES Berlin Festival. Upcoming: a tour of industrial metal opera Black Lodge at Folkoperan Stockholm and Malmö Opera (November 2025); The Whale Song at Prototype Festival in Times Square, New York (January 2026); Life with an Idiot by Alfred Schnittke at Theater Magdeburg, Germany (March 2026); Salome by Gerald Barry with LA Philharmonic with Thomas Adès at WDCH on March 24, 2026, and National Symphony Orchestra Ireland (April 2026.) Launching the International Opera Initiative in LA with opera "Kafka's Letter to His Father" by Czech composer Jiří Trtík (November 2026.)



ALEXANDER BOLDACHEV, Harp/Switzerland



Alexanderboldachev.com

In between his international tours - from USA to Oman to Japan to Mexico, covering all Europe - Alexander is a dedicated teacher. He has led workshops at more than 50 universities, served as visiting professor at the Royal Academy of Music in London, Milan Conservatory, and artist-in-residence at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). Appointed to the harp faculty at the Azusa Pacific University starting January 2026, in October, Alexander opened Los Angeles Harp Center <https://www.harpcenterla.com/>

PROJECT: *iPALPITI* LEGACY

iPalpiti amassed a vast archival collection of recordings and media assets (in addition to the 29 released albums and hundreds of public videos). On the initiative and under the supervision of *iPalpiti*' Chairman Mikhail Gershfeld, CalPoly Pomona Computer Science students and their advisor, Professor Fatemeh Jamshidi, are collaborating with *iPalpiti* on the development of a custom software platform designed to digitize, organize, archive, and preserve our artistic treasure. Code-named *iPalpiti Legacy*, the platform will serve as a cultural memory bank, while enabling secure licensing for educational, broadcast, and creative use. Once completed, the project may also open new revenue streams to help sustain *iPalpiti*'s mission.



The Team L-R: Keita Katsumi, Chairman Mikhail Gershfeld, Elena Hernandez, Prof. Fatemeh Jamshidi, Jay Wageni.

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iPalpiti performances and programs have won unanimous praise around the world.

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUPPORT. DONATE NOW.

MARY LEVIN CUTLER - a dedicated board member and cherished friend - HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAS INCLUDED iPALPITI IN HER TRUST

For 28 acclaimed years, iPalpiti has focused on providing performances and retreat-style education for young professional musicians, culminating in a highly acclaimed annual festival in Los Angeles and tours around the world. To further address evolving trends and the career advancement needs of the new generation of gifted musicians, the newly approved Strategic Plan includes the creation of a grant program to promote leadership among its alumni artists—over 400 musicians in 63 countries to date—by providing seed funding for educational classical music festivals in their communities and ensuring the continuity of young audiences.

**We invite ALL our followers who believe in iPalpiti's mission to renew your support NOW.
PLEASE CONSIDER joining Mary in naming iPalpiti as a beneficiary in your trust or will.**



Mrs. Levin Cutler with Laura and Ida Haendel, 1999.

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At Vice Chair Ada Sands



Svetlana Smolina, festival featured artist



(L-R) Maestro Schmieder, Monte Lemann, Joyce Chernick, CC Lemann, Ada Sands, Derek Greeff, Svetlana, Howard Sands, Noriko Tachibana, David Niemetz, Aubrey Chernick

Post Festival Czech superstar violinist **Pavel Šporcl** toured US in September featuring his new "Rebel with BlueViolin" album. Few exclusive performances in LA included the unique rooftop of Petit Ermitage and the Brentwood estate of generous hosts Joyce & Aubrey Chernick.

Pavel was featured as soloist with *iPalpiti* orchestra from 2000 - 2022 on the stages at the Ford Amphitheatre, Walt Disney Concert Hall, LACMA's Bing Theater, and Saban Theater. Watch his performances with *iPalpiti* orchestra under Maestro **Eduard Schmieder** at *iPalpitimusic* YouTube.



With pianist Evangeliya Delizonas



(L-R) De Marchena-Huyke Fndn/David Niemetz & Noriko, Czech Consul General with Pavel, Hosts Aubrey & Joyce Chernick, Chairman Gershfeld, Anna Volkoff



Welcome: new Benefactors Dr. Guita Balakhane, Dr. Daniel and Nava Danovich, Ron Ozur with Pavel and *iPalpiti* Chairman M. Gershfeld



Pre-Festival Events:

Ladies Night an annual pre-fest at Schmieder's home featured Svetlana, an "outstanding pianist with a luxuriant tone" (LA Times).

Maestro Schmieder, the only gentleman of the evening, played a surprise tribute to the ladies.



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