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Dear Friends and Music Aficionados:

An eventful 29th summer was another seasonal celebration of a gift *iPalpiti* gives to our LA community and beyond.

Starting with a June retreat in Czechia at **Chateau Cihelny**, *iPalpiti* orchestra used the estate as a creative hub for their collaboration with the *Stars Over Vltava* festival. *iPalpiti* alumnus **Pavel Šporcl** – Czech violin-superstar, festival founder and director – was the featured soloist in the historic venues of Prague, Carlsbad and Marienbad. Led by Maestro Eduard Schmieder, the performances across the tour gained major national attention, including a nationally televised showcase at Prague's historic St. Vitus Cathedral.

In July, *iPalpiti* musicians arrived in Beverly Hills for a week of concerts in historic landmarks: from the Greystone Mansion rehearsal residency and concert to the hip rooftop at Petit Ermitage, to the Municipal Gallery at City Hall of Beverly Hills, the **SOLD OUT** concerts and the finale at the Wallis Annenberg Performing Arts Center - with the Mayor of Beverly Hills presenting commendations to all artists - *iPalpitians* wowed the audiences, dedicated and new.
In this 29th season, *iPalpiti's* Maestro presented a unique musical phenomenon to Angelenos: ***VioliniPalpiti*** virtuosi ensemble sounding as ONE in a classical-romantic-pop program, culminating with Stars & Stripes virtuosic variations salute to America's 250th!

Here is one of many notes we have been receiving from our audiences:
"...It was a genuine privilege to attend concerts and to hear remarkable artists from around the world. The level of musicianship was breathtaking, but what impressed us even more was the warmth, generosity, and sense of family that you have built over the years. It is rare to find an organization where artistic excellence and genuine kindness are so beautifully intertwined.
Your vision has clearly touched countless lives. Bringing together exceptional young musicians from many countries and giving them the opportunity to perform, collaborate, and inspire audiences is a gift that extends far beyond the concert hall. The joy and passion on stage were evident in every performance.

Please extend my appreciation to the entire iPalpiti family. Every concert reflected the tremendous care, dedication, and love that all of you invest in this festival." - A. D.



June 2026: Imperial Atrium/Carlsbad, Czechia

Even if you were not able to attend in person, browse *ipalpiti.org* to check Festivals' interactive brochures, watch/listen new performances on YouTube *iPalpitimusic*.

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ViloniniPalpiti AT THE WALLIS



CONCERTS IN CARLSBAD AND PRAGUE



Carlsbad Imperial Atrium



Prague, St. Vistus Cathedral

FROM MARIENBAD LESNI MLYN





Maestro with his two pupils:
Pavel the soloist and Sayako Kusaka (alumni 2000-2007),
concertmaster of KonzerhausBerlin drove to Czechia to see/hear.



Going on stage



In Concert



ALUMNI NEWS: *iPalpiti* alumni continue their mark on the international scene

DAVIDE DE ASCANIIS/ITALY:
Continuing demanding solo career, Davide soloed with orchestras across South America and Europe and served as a member of the Jury at the Lipitzer International Violin Competition in Italy.

LIZA KEROB/FRANCE:
In addition to leading Monaco Philharmonic, Liza continues active solo/trio career. In June, her Trio Goldberg premiered String Trio by Jaani Helander (*iPalpiti'* Finnish cellist since 2014) in Monaco. Jaani toured Czech Republic with *iPalpiti* during June and premiered his String Quartet there as well.

NICHOLAS CANELLAKIS, CELLIST/USA:
Member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Artistic Director of Chamber Music Sedona in Arizona.
He created and stars in the web series "Conversations with Nick Canellakis." A graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and New England Conservatory, Nicholas holds faculty position at both institutions.

IRINA ROSTOMASHVILI, VIOLINIST/GEORGIA-USA:
A writing contributor to THE STRAD magazine (a prestigious international publication in London since 1900), developing an award-winning private studio in Philadelphia, faculty at SUMMIT festival in New York, and in-demand soloist with tri-state orchestras championing new composers along traditional Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn and beyond.

SENDI VARTANOVI, VIOLINIST/GEORGIA-ARMENIA-USA:
Inspired by *iPalpiti's* international connections, Sendi founded **Light & Bloom** - the platform of cultural mobility where musician becomes a curator, a performer becomes a producer, a diaspora artist becomes a cultural intermediary. In its 2nd season, the concerts are set in New York Tenri Cultural Institute and Opera America's Scorca Hall.

TIMUR BEKBOSUNOV, TENOR /KAZAKHSTAN-USA
Grammy-winner, Timur's highlights performing in LA: starred in Salome by Gerald Barry with LA Philharmonic/Thomas Adès at WDCH in March, and this November leads International Opera Initiative at CAP UCLA with a sold-out opera "Kafka's Letter to His Father" by Czech composer Jiři Trtik.

ALUMNI festivals grow around the world:
It is rewarding to see 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*

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*

♥ *iPalpiti [ee-PAHL-pit-ee] means 'Heartbeat' in Italian* ♥

FIRST DINNER NIGHT at *iPalpiti* Vice Chair Ada Sands





DAY 2: Petit Ermitage rooftop concert and Chef' created dinner





DAY 3: Greystone Mansion concert

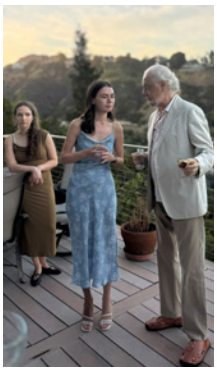


Rehearsal, Chausson Concerto for Violin, Piano and Quartet

DAY 4: Concert at Municipal Gallery



DAY 5: Traditional Friday night out at Schmieders

DAY 6: Concert: Wallis Performing Center for the Arts



Mayor Graig Corman, City of Beverly Hills, presents commendations at the end of the concert, with Maestro Schmieder on stage.

DAY 7: Meet the Artists/Farewell at Leeds Amphitheater



With hosts Dina and Fred Leeds (center), board & benefactors



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***iPalpiti* performances and programs have won unanimous praise around the world. Help us to continue our commitment to talented young classical professional musicians, and to our community.**

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2027 is our 30th! SAVE THE DATE to celebrate: Walt Disney Concert Hall, Saturday, July 24.

For three decades, *iPalpiti* has inspired audiences worldwide and helped propel the careers of over **400 exceptional young professional musicians from 66 countries** — as soloists, concertmasters, orchestral and chamber players — carrying forward our mission of **Love, Humanity, and Peace through music.**

iPalpiti has built the network of lifetime associations that transcend the conflicts of our times. **Your devotion and generosity have made this possible.**

As we celebrate this milestone, we are launching an **Endowment Campaign** to secure continuity in launching the next generation of musical leaders. Founding Chair **Mary Levin Cutler** has generously included *iPalpiti* in her trust. As you contemplate your year-end giving, we invite you to consider joining Mary in naming *iPalpiti* as a beneficiary in your estate plans.

Together, we can ensure that classical music—and its legacy—lives for future generations.

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In 2015, with inspiration from and with *iPalpiti's* start-up grant, Francisco founded festival in his hometown. For the 10th anniversary, his wish to bring *iPalpiti* to Ecuador coming to fruition:
in January 2027, 22 *iPalpitians* will be traveling to Quito for a week residency and a gala concert at La Casa de la Música.

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SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2027 5PM
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