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Greetings!

In just a few weeks, the iPalpiti Festival returns to LA for its 18th annual musical celebration.

We invite you to welcome **24 prize-winning musicians** from all corners of the earth in **14 events July 9–26!**


Responding to intense audience demand from points south, we begin the Festival with a return to **Encinitas**, where we will feature five soloists in daily **concerts from July 9–12** at their ocean-view Encinitas Library. The City of Encinitas enthusiastically embraced iPalpiti soloists for the past three seasons and were so eager to host entire iPalpiti that we accepted; on July 12, entire iPalpiti will arrive to this lovely ocean community (a huge bonus for our musicians to be three blocks from the beach!), prepare exciting programs and present their *Virtuosi V* recital as well as a **FREE** community orchestra concert at San Dieguitos Amphitheater. Take a weekend retreat to Encinitas since *most programs will not be repeated in LA*.

On **Sunday, July 20**, iPalpiti will give a concert at the fabulous **Soka Performing Arts Center in Aliso Viejo**, concluding their 2014–2015 season. The same night, audiences' favorite pianist Svetlana Smolina will give a solo recital at Sundays Live! at LACMA. From July 20–27, all of the Festival artists will be "stationed" and pampered at the Petit Ermitage, and will hold open rehearsals daily at the City of Beverly Hills' Municipal Gallery. Choose from **FREE chamber music offerings at LACMA**, or salon concerts in Beverly Hills at the **Greystone Mansion** and the private **Leo Frankel Concert Hall**, or the social highlight of the Festival: a **private Meet the Artists Gala**.

For the **July 25th grand-finale concert at Walt Disney Concert Hall**, Maestro Eduard will present a program of **"DANCES & ROMANCES"** from the heart of old world taking you on a musical romantic tour that will keep you "singing-along" throughout, ending with the famous *Hungarian Rhapsody* by Liszt. **Alexandru Tomescu, State Soloist of Romania, returns as featured soloist** in Jacques Loussier's *Concerto No. 2 for Violin and Tabla*. Composed in 2006, this concerto was commissioned by the Menuhin Festival, and in acknowledgement of Menuhin's fascination with Indian music, tabla is featured with opportunities for improvisation. Alexandru's star personae, together with his Stradivarius violin, is perfect for this Jazzy-Gypsy concerto.

It is all for you, our audience: to gift you fabulous music, to show off iPalpiti's artists' extraordinary and diverse talents. Eduard's music-making was once described thus: "He cannot play a meaningless note," and this is what his musicians and listeners draw from him—his enormous conviction of the power of music and ability to convey that to the audience.

Turn to the last page (with calendar in hand), come to one, come to all Festival concerts. You, our supporters, friends and audience, support us the best by coming to the concerts and events, buying tickets not only for yourself but for your friends, introducing other music lovers to iPalpiti, meeting new artists (five this year!) and those you already know.


Laura Schmieder, director



L-R: KREETA-JULIA HEIKKILÄ, FINLAND; YURY REVICH, AUSTRIA-RUSSIA; MIDORI MARUYAMA, JAPAN; FRANCISCO VILA, ECUADOR; SVETLANA SMOLINA, RUSSIA-USA

iPalpiti Festival opens in Encinitas, CA with daily concerts by FIVE select iPalpiti Soloists in Virtuosi Series July 9-12 at the Encinitas Library with ocean view, followed by a week-long residency by the entire iPalpiti Orchestra in Encinitas that will culminate in a FREE community concert on July 18 at San Dieguito Academy Amphitheater.

iPalpiti

18TH ANNUAL iPalpiti FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAUREATES

MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR Eduard Schmieder

VIOLINS

Kreetajulia Heikkilä
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Svetlana Smolina
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*indicates soloist in Encinitas festival
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MEET NEW CONCERTMASTERS

This year, we will miss Peter Rainer—an irreplaceable leader of iPalpiti since 1995, with only two seasons missed in 20 years; this time, due to expecting his 4th child's arrival exactly at the time of the festival (and finally, a girl! after 3 boys). So, Maestro appointed co-concertmasters: **Kreetajulia Heikkilä** from Finland and **Irakli Tsadaia** from Georgia. Irakli has been with iPalpiti for a few seasons and it is the second season for Kreetajulia.

Both are terrific musicians and experienced leaders:

- Kreetajulia was concertmaster of the Danish Chamber Orchestra, BBC symphony, and starting August takes as concertmaster of Oulu Symphony in Finland.

- Irakli has been concertmaster of Georgian Chamber Orchestra in Ingolstadt, Germany since 2013.

FEATURED SOLOIST



Alexandru Tomescu,
violin
State Soloist of Romania

"Alexandru Tomescu is a great artist, an ambassador of Romanian culture. Together with his violin he went throughout Europe and America and changed people's views of Romania"
—Kansan Uutiset, Helsinki, Finland

Star alumnus Alexandru Tomescu returns to iPalpiti and Disney Hall after establishing himself as an international "violin superstar" (Berliner Morgenpost). A former student of Eduard Schmieder and Tibor Varga, Tomescu was an iPalpiti soloist early in his career, in iPalpiti's first festival in 1998. Since then, he has gone on to perform in the world's leading concert halls including Carnegie Hall, the Concertgebouw, Tokyo's Metropolitan Arts Center, and collaborating with conductors such as Valery Gergiev, Kurt Masur, Maxim Vengerov and Christoph Eschenbach. The winner of no fewer than 27 international competitions, he was presented in 2007 with the Stradivarius "Elder-Voicu" violin, which will be heard in Los Angeles during this festival.

Since returning to his native Romania, he has made it his mission to show classical music as a world open to everyone, a window toward harmony across national and cultural borders. As a kind of Romanian musical ambassador, he and the Stradivarius he performs on have visited many of the world's capitals, uniting the sound of an extraordinary instrument to Tomescu's deep musical sensibility.

Tomescu deftly combines innovation and tradition in his mission: playing in a subway station to demonstrate the continuing appeal of classical music, not just to the cognoscenti, but to all; he has performed to raise funds for the Romanian Association for the Blind, and to fund hearing aids for children. His efforts are not limited to performing; he is also a sought-after musical commentator in the press and on radio and television, addressing what it means to be an artist in the 21st century, how musical inspiration is developed, and why classical music continues to be a critical cultural force.

His powerful musical style may be best summarized by a quote about a single exemplary concert: *"Alexandru Tomescu makes uncommon music out of Paganini's Caprices, playing up contrasts, letting each phrase live and breathe. I expected an evening of champagne bubbles. Tomescu serves up whiskey."* — David Larsen/Metro Magazine, New Zealand.

Hear Tomescu at Soka July 19 and Disney Hall July 25 in the USA premiere of a Jazzy-Gypsy Violin Concerto by Jacques Loussier.



STAR ALUMNI ROMANIAN ALEXANDRU TOMESCU & CZECH PAVEL ŠPORCL CELEBRATE CZECH NATIONAL DAY WITH CZECH AMBASSADOR HIS EXCELLENCY JIRI ŠITLER IN AN EXTRAORDINARY RECITAL TO SUPPORT EUROPEAN CAPITAL CULTURAL PROGRAM ON GREEN AND BLUE VIOLINS.

SEASON MEMENTOS

12th Annual Leo Frankel Tribute

On November 22, 2014, 80 guests gathered to support the Leo Frankel Memorial Fund. The Tribute was again held at Nathan's residence, with a performance of Brahms' Clarinet Quintet at the Leo Frankel Concert Hall. Nathan, *iPalpiti* board member, was the lead violinist with *iPalpiti* alumni artists Jason Issokson (1st violinist, Argus Quartet), Juan-Miguel Hernandez (violinist, Fine Arts Quartet), cellist Evgeny Tonkha, and *iPalpiti* Junior Andrew Moses, clarinet. The Twilight Dinner was set in the main house indoor-outdoor beautiful grounds.

Nathan's love to his father and devotion to music merge in annual tribute to honor Leo's commitment to *iPalpiti* artists. Established in November 2003, the Leo Frankel Memorial Award Fund honors Leo, a founding board member of *iPalpiti*, and a gifted violinist. Nathan continues in his father's steps as a member of the *iPalpiti* board and, in an annual tribute event, performs with *iPalpiti* artists. Since its founding, *iPalpiti* provided essential support to 238 musicians from 45 countries. The Frankel Fund is a significant contributor toward the ongoing success of *iPalpiti*.



Benefactors and iPalpiti Musicales events

Svetlana at Sands



SVETLANA (CENTER) SURROUNDED BY (L-R) BENEFACTORS GRACE SCHERRER, CHAIRMAN JONATHAN STEINBERG, HOSTS LEONARD AND ADA SANDS (VICE CHAIR), PATRONS MARILYN STAMPLER & JAY MARKOFF. DECEMBER 14, 2014

An Evening with Angel Romero [iPalpiti Artistic Advisor]

Following his "flamenco & falla" concert with Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Sir Angel joined benefactors and board of directors reception generously hosted by Ada and Leonard Sands.



L-R: ARIANE DAVID, HERB & ANNETTE WOLAS, TONIA & MIKHAIL GERSHFELD, ANGEL ROMERO, ADA SANDS, DAVID WIENER, MONTE LEMANN

iPalpiti in New York

Since 2007, Susan and Charles Avery Fisher have hosted *iPalpiti* Musicales at their home. *iPalpiti* Junior clarinetist **Andrew Moses** performed with *iPalpiti* artists pianist **Svetlana Smolina** and cellist **Yves Dharamraj**.



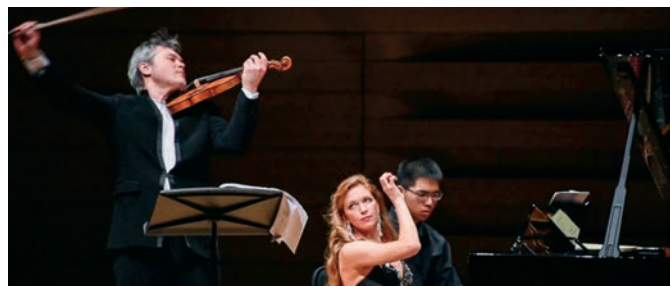
L-R: YVES, ANDREW, SUSAN FISHER, SVETLANA, HERNANDO COURTRIGHT, EDUARD SCHMIEDER. JANUARY 29, 2015

Violinist Samuel Nebyu and pianist Hayk Arsenyan were featured on May 3, 2015



L-R: DOREEN & HERNANDO COURTRIGHT, HOSTS SUSAN & CHIP FISHER, IPALPITI ALUMNUS VIOLINIST SAMI MERDINIAN, GEOFFREY DAVIES (VIOLINCHANNEL.COM), SAMUEL NEBYU WITH HIS TEACHER AND IPALPITI MAESTRO EDUARD SCHMIEDER, HAYK & NUNE ARSENYAN.

IN THE NEWS: ALUMMI AND CURRENT ARTISTS



Florida Symphony in May, and playing Prokofiev Concerto with the Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra in Bulgaria.

iPalpiti artist Svetlana Smolina performs with Vadim Repin (iPalpiti Artistic Advisor) in Toronto

"...He's been called the "Russian Paganini" and all it takes is seeing him live once to understand why. ...Accompanying him was Svetlana Smolina on the piano, who more than held her own while presenting a contrasting style that was every bit as pleasing to watch." —Examiner Review

Prior to the *iPalpiti* festival, Svetlana's season included performances of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in NYC at the Salmagundi Arts Center, with

iPalpiti Star Alumni made an astonishing debut conducting LACO in January at Royce Hall.

"The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra can stop looking for a new music director. **Karina Canellakis** fills the bill. Canellakis is an astonishing musician... model of a modern musician, one that would never have existed in the conventional old days." —Mark Swed, LA Times



iPalpiti gives grants

Through the generosity of the Ernest Lieblich Foundation, *iPalpiti* was able to give first two start-up festival grants: cellist **Francisco Vila** founded Music Festival of Esmeraldas in Ecuador (\$4000) and **Sami Merdinian** and **Yves Dharamraj** (\$1000) New Docta International Music Festival in Argentina at the National University of Cordoba and the Cordoba Conservatory. We are proud that *iPalpiti* alumni create their own festivals in their countries and perpetuate the mission of *iPalpiti* to support the continuity of the great traditions of classical music. More festivals in the making: Catharina Chen in Norway and Conrad Chow in Canada... it is rewarding to see *iPalpiti* musicians creating their own artistic projects, fulfilling *iPalpiti*'s dedication to artistic career advancement of *iPalpiti* artists.

Violinist Kaija Lucas (Estonia)

Lucas toured the USA as a member of the English Chamber Orchestra.



WITH MAESTRO AND FEW IPALPITI MEMBERS AFTER THE CONCERT AT PHILADELPHIA'S KIMMEL CENTER. L-R: AZER DAMIROV, VLADIMIR DYO, AISHA DOSSUMOVA, KAIJA AND MAESTRO, ADELYA SHAGIDULLINA



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Just released on the BCM+D label and available now at iPalpiti CD Store, iTunes, Amazon & GooglePlay

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"iPalpiti dazzles in Stabat Mater...Shchedrin's suite, composed in 1967 for his wife, ballerina Maya Plisetskaya, was taken on a thrilling ride by iPalpiti" —Los Angeles Times

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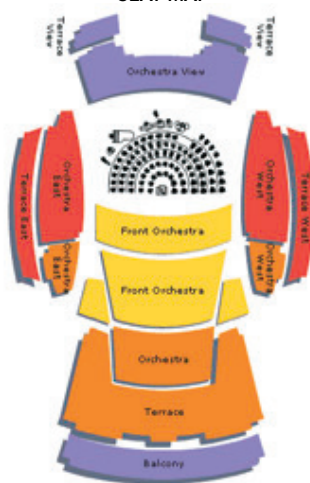
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7:30pm (July 9-11), 2:00pm (July 12) / Encinitas Library (San Diego County)
\$15

Kreeta-Julia Heikkilä and Yury Revich, violins; Midori Maruyama, viola;
Francisco Vila, cello; Svetlana Smolina, piano

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 / iPalpiti Soloists: *Mozart & Paganini*
7:30pm / Encinitas Library (San Diego County)
\$15

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SATURDAY, JULY 18 / iPalpiti Orchestra: *fun for all selections*
4:00pm / San Dieguito Academy Amphitheater (Encinitas)
FREE

SUNDAY, JULY 19 / iPalpiti Orchestra*
2:00pm / Soka Performing Arts Center
\$29–\$39

Eduard Schmieder, conductor
Alexandru Tomescu, violin

*SAME PROGRAM AS AT DISNEY HALL JULY 25

SUNDAY, JULY 19 / iPalpiti Soloists at *Sundays Live!*
6:00pm / LACMA Bing Theater
FREE

Svetlana Smolina, piano

MONDAY, JULY 20 / iPalpiti Soloists
7:00pm / Leo Frankel Concert Hall, Beverly Hills
Rotary Beverly Hills MEETS iPalpiti
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TUESDAY, JULY 21 / iPalpiti Orchestra & Soloists
7:30pm / Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
FREE (Donations appreciated, 100% goes to the artists)

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 / iPalpiti Soloists
7:30pm / Greystone Mansion, Beverly Hills
\$40

French Night: *Fauré/Debussy/Chausson/Franck*
Kreeta-Julia Heikkilä and Yury Revich, violins; Francisco Vila, cello; Svetlana Smolina, piano

THURSDAY, JULY 23 / Meet the Artists Gala
6:00pm / Private Home, Beverly Hills
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SATURDAY, JULY 25 / iPalpiti Orchestra
8:00pm / Walt Disney Concert Hall
\$10–\$120

Eduard Schmieder, conductor

ANTON ARENSKY	Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky
JACQUES LOUSSIER	Concerto No. 2 for Violin and Tabla (USA Premiere) <i>Alexandru Tomescu</i> , violin

DANCES & ROMANCES	<i>from the heart of the old world</i>
FERENC LISZT	Hungarian Rhapsody N 2 (arr. Péter Wolf)

SUNDAY, JULY 26 / iPalpiti Soloists at *Sundays Live!*
6:00pm / LACMA Bing Theater
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Mozart & Brahms string quintets

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