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Still under the spell of last night! Pure magic. Elegy was out of this world experience. Spellbound! Beethoven - absolutely remarkable. Vivaldi - refined fun. Congratulations! No borders for our admiration and love. You are unique gifts in our lives. ~ Yana & Roman

Words fail to say how much we enjoyed that excellent concert! Everything about the evening was just perfect. The music was a real revelation—composers and pieces you thought you knew in a completely fresh and unexpected light. The joy and camaraderie of the musicians was truly infectious. ~ Donald G. M. (Pres., Downey Symphonic Society)

It was a magical night. The program was marvelous - each piece was a delight. Our only complaint was that the time went so fast! Please congratulate from us Maestro Schmieder for the painstaking research he did for the Beethoven etc. And that is before one considers the exquisite playing of the orchestra members, with their usual precision and musicality. We love them all. I think this was the finest of all the iPalpiti finales that we have attended. ~ Irene W.

What an incredible concert! The program was indeed really special. It moved me deeply! The orchestra and Maestro always find a way to be even better every year that passes. Please thank him again for his gift to us all. I hope you get to relax now and enjoy the fruit of a great work. You are amazing by making all that happen so beautifully! ~ Theresa Verboon

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iPalpiti Transforms the Kreutzer Sonata at Disney Hall



by Richard Ginell

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SAN FRANCISCO The Festival of International Laureates rolled around its annual grand finale July 20 in Walt Disney Conhe Festival of International Laureates rolled around to CAL VOICE cert Hall. As always, the concert featured iPalpiti — the festival's flagship ensemble of 26 expert young string players from around the globe — and led by the group's perennial maestro and co-founder, Eduard Schmieder. One thing that hasn't changed in the 22 seasons of this festival's existence is Schmieder's willingness to ignore fashion and so-called authenticity by programming outof-the-way, audience friendly repertoire and transcriptions of chamber pieces. ...Continue reading INSIDE





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With great admiration and affection, Celeste Van Myers (September 26, 2019)

IN THE NEWS



SEMYON PROMOE, violinist/Russia

After returning from iPalpiti festival, Semyon was appointed a concertmaster of the Tomsk Philharmonie Symphony Orchestra and was a soloist performing Korngold Violin Concerto. Semyon now commutes between his native Novosibirsk where he still a Soloist of the Novosibirsk Philharmonie and is a violin faculty at the music college. iPalpiti member since 2016.

SAMUEL NEBYU, violinist/Hungary

In October, Samuel was a featured soloist with Eurasian Symphony, performing Shor's Violin Concerto and Saent-Saens' Introduction & Rondo-Capriccioso in Astana, Kazakhstan, followed by US tour including same program concerts in New York at Symphony Space and Carnegie Hall and Philadelphia.

Another fall project: Samuel joined Mutter's Virtuosi on her sixth tour with the exclusive soloist ensemble of Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation, performing through South America. Samuel is the 3rd iPalpiti artist chosen by the great violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter; prior artists were cellist Kian Soltani and bassist Roman Patkolo.



AGNIESZKA PODŁUCKA, violist/Poland

In August, Agnieszka accepted principal viola position in the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra and joined the faculty of the viola class at the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music in Warsaw, and founded new ensemble: string quartet "Splot."

GABRIEL BUSSI, composer, violinist, violist/Uruguay Gabriel's Symphonic Suite on his opera "La Tribuna", was premiered by Orquesta Sinfónica de Galicia —where Gabriel and his wife Fumika (also iPalpiti alumni) both work as violinists - under the baton of maestro Joseph Pons, the music director of Barcelona's "Liceo" opera house (watch video on YouTube).

Member of iPalpiti 2000-2005, Gabriel made few arrangements for iPalpiti including Bartok Chaconne and Paganini Caprices performed by Dame Ida Haendel at the Carmel Festival in 2003. Gabriel is also a violist of both the Cuarteto del Pino and the Schubert String Quartet in Spain.



FRANCISCO VILA, iPalpiti cellist since 2009. In September, Francisco joined cello faculty at the Longy School of Music of Bard College in Boston.





FESTIVAL MEMENTOS



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What an exceptional concert, it was great fun to be a part of it. We were so inspired by the evening, we donated to iPalpiti when we arrived home. It must be a wonderful feeling to know how your efforts have reached people, with the wonderful musicians and a nearly packed house being inspired. It is annual event we have enjoyed very much. ~ Larry Z.

The concert was a huge hit, in fact, I heard people saying that this was the best concert ever. Today I spoke with the other of one of the children from the summer camp. She's Mexican and speaks very little English. She told me that the concert was one of the best experiences she's had since coming to the US. So, thank you on behalf of those children. ~ Ariane D., ELF

It was such a splendid beautiful event that it is difficult to find the right words. The musicians are so talented and passionate and loving what they do that the audience is completely engaged. I am grateful to be one of those you share this gift and I thank you for your generosity of spirit. ~ Bonnie C.

It was a great performance - as usually! Maestro always has surprises in his sleeve. He is a magician.

~ Victoria, Feliks

& Laura Schmieder

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He remains firmly on message, presenting another spirited riposte to the period-performance-practice crowd in his "Letter to the Audience" in the program book. This served as a no-apologia preface to what iPalpiti calls the "U.S. premiere" of a Beethoven string symphony, after the *Kreutzer Violin Sonata in C Minor.* ...Other hands have long been inflating Beethoven chamber works for string ensembles — Mahler's transcription of the Op. 95 Quartet (which iPalpiti has often played), Leonard Bernstein's go at the Op. 131 and Op. 135 Quartets, to name but a few. Even Toscanini, no doctrinaire purist he, tried his hand at Op. 135 and the Septet. These treatments remain controversial, yet I've always been partial to them; they add heft and sensuality to scores that are usually sturdy enough to take on the extra weight and I don't mind the loss of intimacy. I would say the same for this Kreutzer arrangement, which is most convincing in the Finale. The "Kreutzer" was played with zest and fire by iPalpiti, with unified execution in rapid passages originally written for the solo violin that sound difficult to hold together, and equally cohesive delicacy in the quiet variations of the second movement.

After the ensemble offered a fast, invigorating rendition of Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso for Four Violins in B Minor, RV 580, there were two world-premiere commissions. First, the Azerbaijani composer Franghiz Ali-Zadeh — the festival's composer-in-residence this summer — came up with an attractive movement of insistent percussion and exotic tunes drenched with local color from the old country, under the title Harmony. The second was Fantasia Hungariana, in which Moscow-born composer/pianist Sergei Dreznin integrated three Brahms Hungarian Dances into a de-facto triple concerto showcase for the festival's charismatic ensemble-in-residence, Trio Zadig (Boris Borgolotto, violin; Marc Girard-Garcia, cello; lan Barber, piano). The piece is a rich, rhapsodic blend of strings and piano trio with outbreaks of a Roma flair...and a few distinctly 20th-century harmonies that crept up to the borderline of jazz.

Tchaikovsky's Elegie served as an elegant, wonderfully hushed benediction to the whole evening.

iPalpiti Soloists Play Rare Chamber Music at UCLA by Richard Ginell



...at noontime concert at UCLA July 16 in the historic Rotunda of the Powell Library directly across from Royce Hall, a group of expert iPalpiti string players carried out one of the organization's most admirable missions — resurrecting little-known, audience-friendly music that other groups don't bother looking for. For example: Did you know that Rimsky-Korsakov wrote a string sextet? Neither did I until this concert — and the piece is a gem that has been obscured by Rimsky-Korsakov's reputation as a brilliant orchestrator and opera composer. ... A polyglot sextet ... seemed to relish every bar, revving up the scherzos with a rumbling energy and abandon, digging deeply into the Slavic Romantic soul in the lone slow movement.

Prior to the Rimsky-Korsakov sextet, Nebyu and Podłucka unearthed another winner, Bohuslav Martinu's Three Madrigals

for Violin and Viola, really a duo sonata consisting of two frisky attractive fast movements surrounding a fluttering Andante central movement. As in the sextet, these players performed with sharp, rhythmic attacks that were definitely needed under these

acoustical conditions. The music seemed like a beautiful painting that had been left out in the rain for a short time, enough to produce runny colors but not enough to destroy the essence of the piece.

While Rimsky-Korsakov and Martinu are at least known quantities—the third composer on the program would draw a blank from all but the most dedicated string players and specialists in German music. Violinists Nebyu, Azer Damirov, and Lorenzo Mazzamuto offered up a pair of Capriccios for three violins by one Friedrich Hermann—a German composer/violinist/editor/teacher who lived from 1828 to 1907—full of tuneful trillings and twirlings with a Mendelssohnian lightness and energy. Right here when he was teaching at UCLA, Arnold Schoenberg said that there is plenty of good music yet to be written in C major. But might we turn the phrase around to say that there is plenty of good music that HAS been written in C major—or in these cases, G major and D minor or whatever—that we don't know about.



Trio Zadig performs Ravel's Piano Trio at Encinitas Library | Credit: Bill Dear

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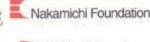






















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