## CLASSICAL MUSIC PRODIGIES FROM 20 COUNTRIES COME TO L.A. FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL & DISNEY HALL CONCERT

Los Angeles, CA – The 9<sup>th</sup> annual *International Laureates Festival*, featuring the acclaimed *iPalpiti Orchestra*, comes to Los Angeles this July 23-31 for one week of classical music, culminating in a performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Under the direction of Maestro Eduard Schmieder, the ensemble showcases the talent of the world's most exciting, prize-winning musicians who have captivated audiences in major concert halls worldwide. *iPalpiti* will arrive this year from 26 different countries spanning the globe from Kazakhstan to Jordan to Estonia and beyond. The magnitude of their performances draw sold-out crowds every year.

"... an astounding demonstration of seamless and beauteous string playing... memorable, luminous, deeply moving..."

--Daniel Cariaga, The Los Angeles Times

Highlights of this year's festival include: *Bassiona Amorosa* - a virtuosi sextet of double bassists from Munich making their **West Coast debut at the Ford Amphitheatre (July 25)**; "Music & Tea," an intimate afternoon concert and tea service at the Greystone Mansion; and the popular "Meet the Artists" gala at a private estate in Beverly Hills. *iPalpiti's* **grand finale concert at the Walt Disney Concert Hall (July 29)** reveals the visionary spirit of Eduard Schmieder who successfully arranges programs designed to illuminate these musicians' rare skills. **Kristaps Bergs**, fiercely exciting cellist from Latvia, will be the featured soloist in Salinen' Nocturnal Dances of Don Juan Ouixote.

"Eduard Schmieder transforms the young professional players of his *iPalpiti* orchestra into tomorrow's first-rank musicians."

— The Strad Magazine (London)

*iPalpiti* (meaning "heartbeat" in Italian) is comprised of 26 young masters (ages 19-30) of the violin, viola, cello, bass and piano. Combined, they hold claim to over 100 international competition awards. *iPalpiti* returns **on the wings of a successful tour in Israel** where they received a glowing review in Ma'ariv Daily, a leading Israeli newspaper. The ensemble will perform a series of concerts in Taos, NM before heading to Los Angeles for its annual Laureates Festival. In celebration of Young Artist International's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *iPalpiti* will perform at Carnegie Hall in March 2007.

The International Laureates Festival is presented by Young Artists International (YAI) -a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and career development of exceptionally gifted classical musicians. YAI was founded in 1997 by Eduard and Laura Schmieder, internationally renowned violinists and music educators, with the blessing and support of the late Lord Yehudi Menuhin, legendary musician and humanitarian, serving as a Founding Member and Honorary Artistic Advisor. The Schmieders have united great musicians of different philosophical views in the belief that classical music and exceptional young artists must be supported in innovative ways. Among the distinguished artists who serve as artistic advisors are Vladimir Ashkenazy, Gary Karr, Ida Haendel, Gidon Kremer, Cho-Liang Lin, Wynton Marsalis, Igor Oistrakh, and others.

Tickets and event information is available through YAI: visit <a href="www.youngartists.org">www.youngartists.org</a> or call 310.205.0511

Tickets for the Disney Concert are also available through Ticketmaster 213.480.3232

or at the Disney Hall Box Office starting July 25.



### 9<sup>th</sup> annual International Laureates Festival 2006

In Beverly Hills-Los Angeles July 23 – 31

Featuring the acclaimed

iPalpiti Orchestral Ensemble of International Laureates Eduard Schmieder, Music Director & Conductor

Sunday, July 23 Bing Theatre, LACMA FREE

**6pm** *Roman Patkolò & Friends.* Sarasate, Liszt, Bottesini & more

**Tuesday, July 25** Ford Theatre - **Bassiona Amorosa** \$12-27

**7pm** Prize-winning virtuosi sextet of double-bassists from Munich.

Mixing classical and popular selections with verve and flair, they have thrilled audiences

worldwide. West Coast debut.

Wednesday, July 26 Beverly Hills Estate of Helena & Stanley Kolodziey

**7pm** "Meet the Artists" pre-Disney Gala reception \$100-\$175

iPalpiti Soloists

Thursday, July 27 UCLA/ Korn Convocation Hall- iPalpiti Soloists & Guests FREE

1pm Martinu: Madrigals – Rumen Cvetkov/viola, Nora Hapca/violin.

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Kodaly: Violin/Cello Duo - Robert Kowalski, violin/Jelena Ochich, cello.

Ravel: Introduction & Allegro – Marcia Dickstein/ harp, Peter Rainer/Julia Sakharova, violins, Rumen Cvetkov/viola, Jason Calloway/ cello, Tibi Cziger/clarinet, Adrian Spence/flute,

**4pm:** Greystone Mansion/ Music & Tea \$75

iPalpiti Soloists & Guests: Virtuosi showcase + Ravel, "Harp" septet.

Saturday, July 29 Walt Disney Concert Hall 8pm \$20-\$80 *iPalpiti*/Schmieder/Bergs

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ARENSKY: VARIATIONS ON A THEME OF TCHAIKOVSKY, OPUS 35 A SALINEN: THE NOCTURNAL DANCES OF DON JUAN QUIXOTE, OPUS 58

KRISTAPS BERGS, CELLO SOLOIST

**FREE** 

BEETHOVEN-MAHLER: QUARTETTO SERIOSO, OP.95

Mozart: Divertimento Kv136

DUNAYEVSKY- DREZNIN: CIRCUS FANTASY

Sunday, July 30 Bing Theatre, LACMA- iPalpiti Soloists

**6pm** Ravel: Introduction & Allegro, Harp Septet

Chausson: Concerto for Violin, Piano & String Quartet

Henri Bonamy/piano, Felipe Garcia Rodriguez/violin. Aisha Dossumova/Catharina Chen, violins. Kinga Maria Roesler, viola. Giorgi Anichenko, cello.

\* Artists & Programs are subject to change without notice

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#### The Artists:

iPalpiti orchestra & Soloists / Eduard Schmieder, Music Director & Conductor

#### Violin

Nabih Bulos/Jordan Catharina Chen/Norway Aisha Dossumova/Kazakhstan Vladimir Dyo/Kazakhstan Sasha Fedosova/Ukraine Felipé Rodriguez Garcia /Spain Nora Hapca/Romania Robert Kowalski/Poland Mari-Liis Pakk/Estonia Peter Rainer /Germany\* Yulia Sakharova/Moldova Misa Yamuro/Japan

#### Viola

Jubel Chen/Taiwan Rumen Cvetkov/Bulgaria Kinga Maria Roesler/Poland Thomas Weilbach/Germany

#### **Cello**

Georgi Anichenko/Belarus-France Kristaps Berg/Latvia Jason Calloway/USA Jelena Ocich /Croatia

#### Bass

Ljubinko Lazic/Serbia Roman Patkolo/Slovakia

#### **Piano**

Henri Bonamy /France

#### Clarinet

Tibi Cziger/Israel

#### Bassiona Amorosa: Virtuosi Sextet of Double Bassists from Munich

Roman Patkolo /Slovakia Ljubinko Lazic/Serbia Artem Chirkov/Russia Andrei Shynkevich/Belarus Jan Jirmasek/Czech Republic Georgi Makhoshvili/Georgia Mavzhida Gimaletdinova, pianist /Russia

<sup>\*</sup> concertmaster