



**iPALPITI ORCHESTRA - "UNITED NATIONS OF CLASSICAL MUSIC" –  
CONVERGE TO L.A. FROM 19 COUNTRIES  
FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL & DISNEY HALL CONCERT**

Los Angeles, CA – The 10<sup>th</sup> annual *International Laureates Festival*, featuring the acclaimed *iPalpiti Orchestra*, comes to Los Angeles-Beverly Hills this July 22-30 for one week of classical music, culminating in a performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Under the direction of Maestro Eduard Schmieder, this ensemble of prizewinning musicians from around the globe has played to sold-out audiences in major concert halls throughout the world. This summer they arrive to Los Angeles from Kazakhstan to Jordan to Estonia and beyond. In March, *iPalpiti* gave its debut performance at the Carnegie Hall to a great review in the New York Times.

"...a fitting name for the vibrant string orchestra ...the ensemble was particularly noteworthy for its unity of purpose and blend. It was as if the musicians' hearts were beating to the same buoyant rhythm...lustrous, polished tone and graceful phrasing."

-Vivien Schweitzer, *New York Times* (2007)

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

-Daniel Cariaga, *The Los Angeles Times*(2002)

**Highlights of this year's festival include:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration GALA at the historic Ebell of Los Angeles, hosted by Theodore Bikel (July 22)
- an intimate concert at the Greystone Mansion presenting enchanting Jung sisters Trio from Canada (July 25)
- *iPalpiti's* grand finale concert at the Walt Disney Concert Hall (July 26). Russian pianist Vassily Primakov and violinist Sayako Kusaka from Japan, will be the soloists in Mendelssohn double concerto. Program also includes Osvaldo Golijov' Last Round, and Four Seasons of Buenos Aires by Piazzolla.

"Eduard Schmieder transforms the young professional players of his *iPalpiti* orchestra into tomorrow's first-rank musicians."  
– *The Strad Magazine* (London, 2004)

*iPalpiti'* artists - often referred as "Musical Peace Corps"- hold claim to over 100 international competition awards. Founded by Eduard Schmieder in 1991, *iPalpiti* (meaning "heartbeat" in Italian) became a flagship ensemble of Young Artists International in 1999. Since then, YAI has brought 22 to 30 exceptionally gifted professional musicians annually to its home in Los Angeles, California, to be featured at its prestigious annual *International Laureates Festival*. During the Festival, the members perform in solo, ensemble, and orchestral public concerts.

The *International Laureates Festival* is presented by Young Artists International (YAI) - a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and career advancement 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. Among the distinguished artists on advisors panel are Vladimir Ashkenazy, Yefim Bronfman, Ida Haendel, Gary Karr, Gidon Kremer, Wynton Marsalis. With their guidance, YAI discovers and promotes prize-winners from around the globe (ages 19-32), securing a future generation of artists to pass on the traditions of the great musicians. Since its founding, YAI succeeded in creating a truly universal network among over 200 artists from all over the world, promoting international and cultural understanding through music.

Tickets and event information is available through YAI: visit [www.youngartists.org](http://www.youngartists.org) or call 310.205.0511  
Tickets for the Disney Concert are also available through Ticketmaster 213.480.3232  
and at the Disney Hall Box Office.