



SOCIAL SCENE: The Budapest Festival Orchestra Performs in Southampton

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The Budapest Festival Orchestra of Hungary took a pause from its European tour to perform a chamber concert at the Southampton home of Penny and Jay Lieberman on August 3, 2018. Beneath a striped marquee at poolside, Andrew Komaromi, board member of the Friends of Budapest Orchestra, opened the performance with thanks to the hosts and introduced a message from Maestro Ivan Fischer.

The Friends of Budapest Festival Orchestra hosted the event as part of an initiative to offer members unique opportunities to build a closer relationship with the Orchestra, both in North America and at home in Budapest, by hosting special events with Maestro Fischer and the orchestra musicians throughout the year. These include patron travel, back-stage access, an annual New York gala, the new [Vicenza Opera Festival](#) and chamber concerts in private homes.



Jay Lieberman and Penny Lieberman with Budapest Festival Orchestra musicians.
Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.

For the Southampton chamber concert, the quartet, who was flown from Hungary, performed Dvořák's String Quartet No. 12 in F major, Op. 96 "American."



Antonia Paterno-Castello and Sylvia Hemingway. Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.

The evening was hosted by Friends of Budapest Festival Orchestra members Sylvia Hemingway, Heidi Lee Komaromi, Peter Thomas Roth, Christine Schott and George Ledes, and Victoria Wyman. In attendance, were members Kati Marton, Robin Cofer, Dominic D'Alleva, Cheri Kaufman, Fern Mallis, Wendy Moonan, Campion Platt and Bill Sclight.



Stan Herman, Jay Lieberman, Carey Delrose, Campion Platt, Penny Lieberman, Fern Mallis and David Driscoll. Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.

[The Budapest Festival Orchestra](#), founded by Maestro Ivan Fischer in 1983, is considered one of the finest orchestras in the world. In November 2018, Maestro Fischer will conduct the NY Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall. In April 2019, he returns to New York with the Budapest Festival Orchestra for two concerts.



Paul Winum and Leila Pinto. Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.

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Gopa Dobson, Michael Schessel, Jessica Schessel, Marie Lippman and Harley Lippman. Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.



Dr. George Kane, Amy Kane and Bill Sclight. Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.



Elizabeth Mohtar and Carey Delrose. Photo: Annie Watt. Courtesy of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.



Robin Cofer and Dominic D'Allewa. Photo: Annie Watt.
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BASIC FACTS: [The Budapest Festival Orchestra](#) is actively touring in August 2018 with concerts scheduled in Ravello, London, Santander, San Sebastian, Stresa and Merano. [Click here](#) for details. [Bridging Europe Concert](#) is set for September with European tours scheduled throughout October to December 2018. www.bfz.hu/en.

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