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## **Violist and Pianist Duo Kicks Off Music in the Mansion 2017 Series**

The Finest in Solo and Chamber Music at Greystone Mansion & Gardens with Hernandez and Giacopuzzi begins January 15

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – Music in the Mansion returns to Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 2 p.m. with violist, Juan-Miguel Hernandez and pianist, Jacopo Giacopuzzi.

Canadian-born Juan-Miguel Hernandez is a violist of the legendary Fine Arts Quartet and first prize winner of the 16<sup>th</sup> International Brahms Competition in Austria. He has appeared as a soloist with orchestras all over the country and with Pacific Symphonies and iPalpiti Orchestra. iPalpiti is a consortium of prize-winner musicians from around the world. In September, 2016 he was appointed Professor of Viola at the Royal Academy of Music in London. Washington Post said he is "one of the gold-plated names in chamber music."

Italian pianist Jacopo Giacopuzzi has performed at festivals and venues in the United States and Europe. Ciacopuzzi has won numerous international competitions, and was most recently named top winner of the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition, an international piano competition that takes place in the Netherlands.

The exceptional 2017 season includes: February 19, Sunset Club Trio with Etienne Gara (violin), Ines Thome (electric guitar) and Michael Gratovich (Flamenco guitar); March 19, Mana Trio with Cindy Lam (piano), Michael Mortarotti (alto saxophone), and Michael Hernandez (soprano saxophone); April 16, Friends Meet California with Miki Aoki (piano) and Rolf Haas (violin); May 21, The Piano & The Soprano with Temirzhan Yerzhanov (piano) and Yulia Zinovieva (mezzo-soprano); and, June 18, Firebird Balalaika Ensemble, a unique and dynamic group performing on the round-bodied domra, triangular-shaped balalaika and the bayan/accordion. The season concludes on July 26, with iPalpiti Festival, which brings together prize-winning musicians from around the globe known for their beauteous string playing, lustrous tone and infectious way of making music.

Performances are held at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays with the exception of the iPalpiti Festival, which will take place on July 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for regular concerts are \$20/pp and the iPalpiti season finale is \$40/pp. Seating is limited and advanced tickets are encouraged. To purchase tickets online, visit <a href="www.beverlyhills.org/bhreg">www.beverlyhills.org/bhreg</a>. For online ticket purchase, if you don't have a Client ID or Family Pin, call the registration office at 310-285-6850. For information about concerts, call 310-285-6830 or go online to www.beverlyhills.org/musicinthemansion.

Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate is located at 905 Loma Vista Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.