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***** Companions Night *****

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2006

Where: Mauricio's, St. James, NY

Topic: The Violins of the Future

Speaker: Fan Tao, J. D'Addario & Company, Farmingdale, NY

Meeting Start ... 6 pm (Wine & Beer 6-7 pm)

Dinner ... 7:00 pm

Speaker ... 8:00 pm

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Our Speaker

Fan Tao is Director of R&D at D'Addario & Company in Farmingdale, NY, where he designs violin and guitar strings. He also directs a violin acoustics workshop every summer at Oberlin College where the world's leading violinmakers and acoustics researchers meet. He received his Bachelor's degree from Caltech and his Master's degree from Princeton University, both in electrical engineering. He started his present career in musical acoustics in 1999.

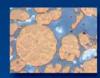
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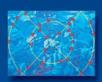
The speaker has publicly predicted "The traditional wood violin will be as obsolete as wooden tennis racquets and wooden golf clubs within a generation." Is this possible? After all, the 300-year-old violins made by Antonio Stradivari are still considered the ultimate concert instruments by all violinists. Why would a successful 500-year-old design still being used today need any improvement? What would the violin of the future sound and look like? The recent work of some leading edge violinmakers using composite structures made from carbon fiber and ultra-light weight balsa wood are shedding light on this issue.

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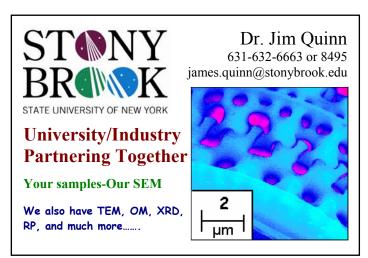
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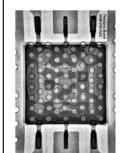


It was a "Full House" at the November 15, 2006, meeting at the Charles B. Wang Center "chapel" at Stony Brook University.



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CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Long Island Chapter

Jan. 17, 2007 Joint meeting with LIANS Place: Brickhouse Brewery, Patchogue

Speaker: Sam Aronson, Director, BNL

Feb. 15, 2007 Place: Sitar Restaurant, Huntington Speaker: Gary Elgort, Con-Ed

Topic: The Metallurgy of Steam Pipes

Mar.14, 2007 Place: Mauricio's, St. James

Speaker: Jeff Brogan, Mesoscribe

Topic: The Materials of Mesoscale Sensors

Apr. 11, 2007 Annual General Meeting

Place:TBD

Speakers: SBU Senior Students

Topic: Final design projects, concepts, etc.

May 6, 2007 Wine tasting at an East End Long Island

vineyard

Metro NY-NJ Chapter

(contact Rich Lynch @ 201-891-8399)

Feb. 6, 2007 **Young Members Night**

Place: L'Affaire Restaurant, Mountainside,

NJ

Speaker: John Metzger

Mar. 20, 2007 Joint meeting with ASNT and AWSI

Place: L'Affaire Restaurant, Mountainside,

Speaker: Robert Shaler, Penn State Univ.

Topic: DNA Testing for 9/11

Apr. 26, 2007 Family Night; Awards Night; Elections

Place: L'Affaire Restaurant, Mountainside,

Speaker: Devinder Mahagan, BNL

Topic: Hydrogen Economy

May 15, 2007 Plant visit – Continental Airlines

Maintenance Facility

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