



Jackson, Masako and Yutaka Katayama, cellist Mischa Maisky and Yoshi.

Mischa Maisky & Friends



Several years ago I discovered that my friend Yutaka Katayama was a big fan of Mischa Maisky, a cellist with a huge following in Europe, Israel and Asia. It so happened that Mischa was a friend of mine. Yoshi and I have known him ever since he married the daughter of Don Lipman, an especially old friend, and we catch his concerts whenever we can. I arranged for “Mr. K,” as Mr. Katayama is known worldwide in automotive circles, to receive Mischa’s autographed photo. But this time, in late November 2004, I went one better. With Mr. K’s help, I arranged a Tokyo concert/dinner party. Ten people with Nissan Motors connections — Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Katayama, Mr. and Mrs. Norio Matsumura, Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Katayama and Mr. and Mrs. Eiichi Shimizu — attended Mischa’s recital at Suntory Hall, and Mischa joined us for dinner later that night. Mischa was his own charming, funny self, and he brought along two flower bouquets that were presented to him at the concert hall. One went to Mrs. Katayama, the other to Yoshi, as seen at left.

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