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HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA

Linda Coney, Editor
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The purpose of this organization, operating under the auspices of the Houston Symphony society, is to promote quality music education and enrichment programs for area students and to promote music appreciation in the Bay Area through an affiliation with the Houston Symphony and other resources.

MAY LUNCHEON MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

May 11, 2011
10 a.m.
Bay Oaks Country Club



HARPIST, LAURIE MEISTER

Harpist Laurie Meister is known to Houston audiences for her solo, orchestral and chamber music performances. She is a regular performer with the Houston Symphony, Houston Grand Opera and Houston Ballet orchestras and performed recently on the Houston Symphony's "The Planets: an HD Odyssey" tour to Carnegie Hall. She has also appeared as guest harpist with the Milwaukee Symphony, North Carolina Symphony, Florida Orchestra, Sun Valley Summer Symphony and Grand Teton Music Festival. As concert soloist she has performed with the Houston Chamber Orchestra, Greenbriar Consortium, Brazos Valley Symphony and Concord Chamber Orchestra. She has been on the faculties of the Interlochen Arts Camp and the American Festival of the Arts as harp instructor and maintains a private teaching studio in Houston. Laurie is a graduate of Rice University's Shepherd School of Music and the University of Wisconsin. She and her husband, Houston Symphony double-bassist Donald Howey, are the proud parents of two boys: Ian, age 4, and Gunther, 9 months.

We encourage everyone to pay their Membership Dues at the May meeting. This enables us to be sure the directory has all our members included.

If checks are sent after the May meeting, please forward to :
Pat Biddle, 1018 Trowbridge Dr., Houston, Texas 77062

Also, if anyone has any names and addresses of prospective members to invite to the Wine and Cheese Party in August, please email to Pat Biddle at kron12@yahoo.com

The bus trip dues to Jones Hall for the Shell Masters series for 2011-2012 can be paid to Glenda Toole at the May luncheon. The bus picks us up at the Bay Area Park and Ride at 12:45 and leaves for Jones Hall at 1:00 PM for six concerts through out the year. It drops us off at the front of Jones Hall and picks us up at the conclusion of the concert. The dues are \$75.00 for the six concerts.



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Deanna Lamoreux

Leading the Houston Symphony League Bay this year has been "pure joy"!

We all have shared in this joy of music -- bringing music to the school children and to the community; and in listening to the music at all the meetings, at the student music competitions, and at the Houston Symphony. This music education and enrichment of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area for our community takes place because of an outstanding, all-volunteer organization. It performs like a symphony too, each member playing their part, serving together. The talent, expertise, and experience of each member are extraordinary contributions to our organization, and are especially appreciated when we are working together.

As we make our name HSLBA known in the community, we also are supporting the Houston Symphony. Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter -- the Houston Symphony is performing! As both the Houston Symphony League Bay Area and the Houston Symphony end their seasons, opportunities to serve and to hear the music still abound.

The *Sounds Like Fun* summer series for children of all ages takes place throughout Houston in June. Dana Puddy will be signing up volunteers to assist in the Instrument Petting Zoo.

The Houston Symphony's *Ima Hogg Competition* finale is Saturday June 4 at Rice University. Tickets are \$15 for students and seniors and will be available at the May 11 luncheon.

On July 2 at Jones Hall, the Ima Hogg finalist will perform with the Houston Symphony at the Chronicle Concert - \$1 per ticket. Diane McLaughlin, coordinator for the Ima Hogg Competition, will have more information about the Chronicle Concert. This concert is the perfect time to purchase or renew HS season subscriptions as you can purchase one at regular price and another for \$1.

June 29 - 2011 Young Artists Competition at the Houston Symphony presented by Fidelity. Seven students from Houston area schools are competing for the grand prize, performing with the Houston Symphony Pops at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Last year's winner was a vocalist from Clear Lake High School.

Take the HSLBA bus to The Woodlands for the Sunday, July 3 Houston Symphony *Star Spangled Salute*, or you can attend a repeat performance at Miller Outdoor Theatre on July 4.

Music has always been part of my life, beginning with \$1 piano lessons every Saturday morning. Even in the remote part of the U.S. where I grew up, I attended community concerts that were presented by traveling orchestras for school children in the school gymnasium. These musical experiences were provided by parents, educators, and civic and business leaders -- all who experienced the Depression, yet knew the importance of music education for their children. The Houston Symphony League Bay Area shares this value. We fundraise locally to make music a special experience for our school children in our HSLBA school programs. At the end of May, the Houston Symphony will achieve a goal of matching funds and donors to meet their Million Challenge from the Houston Endowment. By adding our dollars and names to this fund, we will win the match! We will be part of a widening circle of music for all the children of Houston.

Members often are asked to bring a friend to a meeting or cookies to an event. This time, I am asking everyone to bring a check -- made out to the Houston Symphony in the amount that is best for you - any amount is a valuable contribution. Please bring it to the May 11 luncheon where you will have the time of your life sharing the joy of music with friends.

This has been a year of music education, my first time to enjoy a season subscription to the Houston Symphony. And, it is true love! I love the music, the musicians who play it, and the friends and family who share the concert experiences.

Thank you for calling me "President" this year! It has been one of my best performances!

29th President, HSLBA
Deanna Lamoreux

IMA HOGG COMPETITION

It's Ima time again! The annual Houston Symphony Ima Hogg Competition will take place June 2-4 at Stude Concert Hall at the Shepherd School of Music, Rice University. The semifinals on Thursday, June 2 are free and open to the public. Beginning at 9 am, 10 semifinalists will each play two concertos with piano accompaniment. At the end of the round, four finalists are selected. Those four then perform one concerto with the Houston Symphony at the final round concert on Saturday, June 4. Tickets for the concert are available through the Houston Symphony Box Office at 713-224-7575.

Ima Hogg was one of the founders of the Houston Symphony, and this event named in her honor has reached new heights since the addition of the Houston Symphony in the finals round, first done in celebration of the Competition's 30th anniversary in 2006. The Bay Area League provides a much appreciated lunch for the orchestra musicians and finalists during rehearsals on the Friday in-between Thursday's semis and Saturday's finals.

The Competition's silver medalist will perform with the Symphony at Miller Outdoor Theatre on Saturday, June 25, and the gold medal winner performs at the Symphony's Houston Chronicle Dollar Concert on Saturday, July 9. All Houston Symphony League volunteers get a FREE pass to the Dollar concert (what a deal!) along with an invite to the Symphony's Education Volunteer Appreciation event which precedes the concert.

Here are the 2011 semifinalists –

Mary Bowden is a graduate of Curtis and Yale and is currently a member of the Richmond Symphony trumpet section. She has won competitions in Switzerland and Australia, and was an Ima Hogg semifinalist in 2010.

Stanley Chyi is an oboe performance graduate of Northwestern and Rice. He has been awarded many prizes and performed with orchestras throughout the Midwest.

Violinist Eunice Kim is currently enrolled at the Curtis Institute of Music. She debuted with the Korean Broadcasting Symphony at the age of 7 and has participated in numerous competitions and performances since that time.

Cellist Benjamin Lash attends the Colburn School at USC. He has won numerous awards and competitions and has appeared in many solo performances around the country.

Pianist Esther Park currently attends The Yale School of Music and is a graduate of The Juilliard School. She has won several prestigious competitions in the United States and Germany, and has performed in solo recitals across the US and Europe.

Brook Speltz studies cello at The Juilliard School and is a graduate of Curtis. In addition to receiving numerous awards, he has appeared as soloist with a number of orchestras, and in recital with societies and festivals in several locations.

Clarinetist Maksim Shtrykov, from Belarus, received a DMA at CUNY and a MM at Juilliard. He has performed in recitals and chamber music groups in many locations throughout the American northeast as well as in Eastern Europe. His orchestral experience, competitions, and awards also span two continents.

Dawn Wohn is currently enrolled at Stony Brook University and is a graduate of Yale and The Juilliard School. She has won numerous string competitions and has appeared as violin soloist with orchestras and chamber groups in Alice Tully Hall and Lincoln Center, among others.

Siwoo Kim is pursuing a BM at Juilliard and is a graduate of the Music Institute of Chicago pre-college program. In 2010 alone he won the Crescendo Music Award and placed at the California and Corpus Christi International Music Competitions. Since 1993 he has had numerous solo performances with orchestra and in recital.

Geraldine Ong – application recycled at Roger's house

Just one more reminder. The food for which you volunteered should be delivered to either Cindy Kuenneke or Martha Daniels on Thursday June 2. I will call and remind you a week or so before that date. The finals are on June 4th at 7:00 pm at the Alice Pratt Brown Hall at Rice University and I will have info on parking before the competition. As it stands, you may use your credit card to enter on Saturday night. This year, the tickets will be available for sale at our May meeting and there will be someone there from the box office so you can purchase with your credit card or cash or check. The price for Srs. Is \$15 and students are \$10. This is a real bargain when you consider there is a nice reception after the concert, while the judges deliberate, and the orchestra accompanies the contestants. If you have questions, feel free to call me and I will try to help. Diane McLaughlin

Sounds Like Fun! Gotta Dance!

Hear the Houston Symphony free in your neighborhood!

This summer the Houston Symphony continues its commitment to community through the annual Sounds Like Fun! series. With free performances given at a variety of locations throughout Houston, these concerts are a relaxed and dynamic experience designed for the whole family. This year, celebrate dance through music with the Houston Symphony in our Sounds Like Fun! *Gotta Dance!*

Robert Franz, conductor

Smetana/Riesenfeld: Three Dances from *The Bartered Bride*

Khachaturian: Suite from *Masquerade*

Nielsen: Suite from *Aladdin*, Opus 34

Anderson: The Waltzing Cat

Gimenez: Intermedio from *La Boda de Luis Alonso*

Bernstein/Peress: Overture to *West Side Story*

Bizet/Guiraud: Suite No. 2 from *Carmen*

Daugherty: Red Cape Tango from *Metropolis Symphony*

R. O'Brien/R. Wendel: Medley from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*

Come 30 minutes early so the kids can play musical instruments in the “Instrument Petting Zoo.”

Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 pm St. Bernadette Church, 15500 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 am KIPP Academy, 10711 Kipp Way, Houston, TX

Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 pm The Centrum, 823 Cypresswood, Drive, Spring, TX 77379-7705

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 am Slocumb Auditorium at San Jacinto Central College, 8060 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX 77505-5903

Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 pm Cy-Ridge High School .7900 North Eldridge Parkway, Houston, TX 77041

Thursday, June 9, 7:30 pm Sugar Land Baptist Church, 16755 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77479

Friday, June 11, 10:30 am Ripley House 4410 Ripley, Houston, TX

Saturday, June 11, 4 pm Union Station at Minute Maid Park , 501 Crawford St, Houston, Texas 77002

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 pm Grace Community Church-South Campus 14505 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas

It is fun to watch eager, enthusiastic children get up close and handle the orchestral instruments at the petting zoo preceding the free Sounds Like Fund! concerts. There are three concerts in June in our area and HSLBA members will work as docents for the petting zoo. We need 5-6 volunteers for each concert. There will be sign-up sheets at the May luncheon meeting. Check your calendar for these dates:

Wednesday, June 1 7:30 p.m. St. Bernadette Church

Tuesday, June 7 10:30 am Slocumb Auditorium, San Jacinto Central College

Tuesday, June 14 7:30 pm Grace Community church-South Campus

If you have questions, contact Dana Puddy at 281-326-1817 or dana_p55@verizon.net

May Luncheon

You won't want to miss the luncheon following our May 11 meeting at Bay Oaks Country Club. The cost is \$27.00 per person for the menu of:

Bay Oaks Signature Salad
Chicken Wellington (in puff pastry)
Wild Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Fresh Baked Bread & Creamery Butter
Chocolate Mousse Pie with strawberries
Water & Tea
Coffee served with dessert

A wine only cash bar will be available for \$6.00

TEA FOR TWO

HSLBA's social event of the season was fabulous fun! Thank you, Pat & Noel Bertelli for generously opening your new home to celebrate on this beautiful May day. More than 100 members and guests were treated to an array of cakes, cookies, sandwiches and teas. Thank you Pat and the Special Events committee, led by Nina McGlashan, for their months of planning and thanks to the Board members for desserts.

Outstanding Success!

As we wind down this Symphony League year, Deanna asked that I write a few words about our successes. Under Deanna's presidency, we have had a year full of wonderful events, good fun, and new ideas and adventures. I am pleased to say we also were successful at staying within our budget. We move forward into our next fiscal year with the security of knowing we have proactively provided for our obligations to the school programs, to the Houston Symphony, and to our membership. With Glenda's sound guidance, I know we can look forward to another enjoyable year of meeting our goals, serving our community, and having grand fun and fellowship!

Carole Murphy
Vice President of Finance

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION!



July 3 (Sunday) - A wonderful trip to the Cynthia Woods Pavilion in the Woodlands for the Houston Symphony's annual Independence Day celebration that is being planned by Cindy Kuenneke, Carole Murphy and Helene Poling. The price of the trip is \$37.00 per person and includes: Reliable bus transportation, box supper, wine, soft drinks and water. We will have comfortable reserved seats under the pavilion for the wonderful patriotic concert. Please sign up and pay at the May luncheon as the bus is limited to 47 people and it fills up quickly. We will leave from the Bay Area Park and Ride at 5:30 p.m. and return approximately 11:00 p.m. Final day for reservations will be June 26. For more information and to make reservations, please contact: Cindy Kuenneke at 281-488-0242, pianokuenneke@sbcglobal.net or Helene Poling at 281-488-0491. Join us for a fun evening!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

August 20, 2011

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May Meeting and Luncheon

May 11, 2011

10 a.m.

Bay Oaks Country Club

Board Meeting

May 16, 2011 10 a.m.

16203 Longvale Drive, Houston 77059

Hosted by Deanna Lamoreux

Memorial Music Education Fund

Houston Symphony League Bay Area has established the Memorial Music Fund to accept donations in memory of friends and family members. HSLBA will gratefully accept and acknowledge any contributions. State the name of the person you wish to remember and provide the name and address of the person to receive notification of the contribution.

If you know of an HSLBA member who has had a serious illness, or death of a spouse or child, please notify Doris Macek-Humbach at 281-996-0671 or dmacek@flash.net.

Make checks payable to HSLBA and send to:

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