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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.



October Program

October 12, 2011

10 a.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



For the first time in the history of HSLBA, a father and son will perform at the October 12 meeting:

Scott and Sean Holshouser.

Scott is no stranger to HSLBA as he has performed for us over the years. Scott has been the Houston Symphony Keyboardist since 1980 and is accompanist for the Houston Symphony Chorus. With the Houston Symphony, he has performed over twenty-five solo concerts ranging from Bach and Mozart to Gershwin. We enjoyed his performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* at one of our Spring Atrium Concerts.

Sean, his twelve year-old, is a boy soprano. In addition to studying voice, Sean trains in acting and dance. He has appeared with the Houston Symphony, Houston Grand Opera and the Moores School of Music. He is a member of Hits Theater group of Houston where he has performed such roles as Gavroche in "Les Miserables" and Rum-tumTugger in "Cats". In April of this year he sang at a concert for AMSOV, a national meeting of Symphony League Volunteers, at the Alley Theatre; and on January 6, 2012, he will perform as Ahmal at the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra's rendition of "Ahmal and the Night Visitors".

Music at the Museum

On October 25, HSLBA will join forces with the Bay Area Museum Guild to present 'Music at the Museum'. It will be a special evening of music, food and fun, featuring the Fidelis String Quartet, a group of Houston Symphony musicians. Attendance is limited to one hundred; and tickets, \$25, are going fast. Call Carole Murphy at 281-480-2930 for your reservation.

The Fidelis Quartet is one of Houston's premier chamber music ensembles, comprised of four Houston Symphony musicians who share a passion for the string quartet repertoire. The ensemble consists of violinists Rodica Gonzalez and Mihaela Frusina, violist Wei Jiang; and cellist Jeffrey Butler.

Initially formed in 1997, its scope of activities includes concertizing, community outreach presentations, masterclasses, and recitals. They were selected in 2002 to perform at a special dinner for Texas Governor Rick Perry and his Highness the Aga Khan. Recent and upcoming engagements include performances for chamber music series in Fredericksburg, TX, Sam Houston State University, American Festival for the Arts, Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts, The Woodlands Salon Series, Houston Baptist University, The Houston Museum of Fine Arts, The University of Puerto Rico, and the 2011 White Lake Chamber Music Festival in Whitehall, Michigan. June 2005 marked their New York debut with a sold out performance at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. They returned to Carnegie Hall last May, joined by clarinetist Danny Granados, flutist Judy Dines, and pianist Pablo Zinger. The program, which included the Brahms Clarinet Quintet and several works by South American composers, was recorded over the summer at KUHF studios for a CD soon to be released.

Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA) 2011-2012 President's Message



Hello,

We started off the year with a wonderful program in September and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. The programs are all booked for this year, so please go out to the website, www.hslba.org, and mark your calendars so you will not miss any of them.

The 2011-2012 Directories were given out at the September meeting. They will also be available at the October meeting, so be sure and stop by the membership table and pick your directory when you get your nametag.

Our first Shell Master Concert was held in September. There were 20 people that rode the bus and heard the wonderful Brahms' Violin Concerto. We visited, laughed and had a great time on the way to and from Jones Hall. There are still seats available if you would like to join us.

October 25th will be the Music at the Museum held at the Bay Area Museum jointly with the Bay Area Museum Guild. The Fidelis Quartet will perform. Tickets are \$25.00 and they are going fast!

We are in need of puppeteers, so if you think that you would like to participate in providing this wonderful program to our CCISD 1st graders, please call Dana Puddy. You will be trained and given a script plus you get to see the glee on the faces of the children!

Look forward to seeing you at the October 12th program.

Glenda Toole
President, HSLBA

Music At The Museum



Fidelis Quartet

Sherry Chung

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 194 members in HSLBA. Directories were passed out at the September meeting and will be available at our October meeting also. If you have not paid your 2011-2012 dues yet, it is not too late! You may send your check to Pat Biddle, 1018 Trowbridge Dr., Houston, Tx 77062 or pay at the October meeting and your name will appear in an addendum to the Directory in January.

Please welcome our new 2011-2012 members:

Shirley Barnes	Jane Lackow
Lisa Black	Ellen & Mason Lancaster
Mary Ann & Jerry Brown	Jan Larson
Vicki Buxton	Sandra Louvet
Cathleen Cade	Janet Marshall
Peggy Dabbs	Janet Millican & Tom Fountain
Christina Elguezabal	Arturo & Yolanda Narro
Richard Foulk	Mary Ellen Russell
Ava Galt	Crystal Spillars
Joyce Gilbert	Mary Ann Stilwell
Gloria Goldstein	Betty Stoub
Lynette Mason Gregg & Dick Gregg, Jr.	Therese Thomas
Joan Griffith	Mary Voigt
Roy & Rhee Haun	Mary Walter
Sylvia Hunter	Jo Jo Weinmein
Lee Jared	Nan Winders
Ellen King	

EDUCATION

The "I LOVE MUSIC" program in CCISD elementary schools is off to a great start. Being involved is a lot of fun and a rewarding way to make a difference. Opportunities are:

Puppeteer - puppets are hand held (no strings to master) - the puppeteer reads a script behind a curtain.

Contact: Graciela Kavulla 281-480-4715

Introducing a performing group - generally serve as a representative of HSLBA and introduce the performing group. It's a great opportunity to experience what is being provided the children of CCISD Contact: Nina Spencer 281-332-8955 or Dana Puddy 281-326-1817

Imagination Celebration - HSLBA provides a petting zoo for the CCISD district-wide fine arts fair held Saturday, October 22. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts to assist children in getting acquainted with orchestral instruments.

Contact: Dana Puddy 281-326-1817

A new addition to the music education program this year is the provision of a "circulating petting zoo" for the elementary music teachers. Two large trunks containing four violins in one and a trombone, trumpet, french horn, clarinet, oboe, and flute in the other are available for teachers to check out and use in classroom demonstrations.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR HOME TOUR

Need a small, unique gift for a friend for Christmas??? The Home Tour committee will be selling gift certificates for the home tour again. They will be on sale in October and November at our monthly meetings. One certificate is \$30, which includes 2 tickets. So, your certificate allows your friend to attend, and lets your friend bring another person. Save the Dates. Preview Party: March 23, 2012 Home Tour: March 24-25, 2012

Houston Symphony 2011-2012 Annual Fund Challenge

The Houston Symphony met their annual fund challenge last year and has another challenge for the 2011-2012 season in order to receive \$1M from the Houston Endowment. It has to raise an additional \$1M over last year for a total of \$9M and increase the number of donors to 9000. That is quite a challenge and they need your help! This is your opportunity to donate to the Houston Symphony in your name, your children and/or grandchildren's name. You can give as little as \$5.00 in the name of your child or grandchild and it would count as a new donor. Every little bit helps and the number of new donors is very important in addition to the actual dollars raised. When they reach that goal of a total of \$9M and 9000 donors, the Houston Endowment will contribute an additional \$1M.

Also, if you contribute \$50 or more early in the year, you have the entire season to enjoy the benefits that come with your contribution. Please visit the following website to see all of the benefits you receive at various levels of giving to both Classical and Pops, some of which are listed below.

www.houstonsymphony.org/support/individualgiving.aspx

You may contribute via the website or copy and/or fill out the form provided and mail into the Houston Symphony. We would like to have 100% participation from HSLBA in assisting the Houston Symphony in meeting this challenge.

Classical Individual Gifts

Friend \$50 - \$99

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription to Symphony Notes newsletter |
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Member \$100 - \$249

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houston Symphony Society membership including voting privileges at the Annual • Invitations to all scheduled private rehearsals of the current season • All the benefits of Friend |
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Sustaining Member \$250 - \$499
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) complimentary tickets to a subscription concert • All the benefits of Member • A Patron Lounge pass valid during intermission at any Classical Subscription |
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Composer's Circle \$500 - \$999
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusive behind the scenes look at the process of commissioning new music • Periodic recognition in Houston Symphony Magazine • All the benefits of Sustaining Member |
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Patron \$1,000 – \$2,499

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the Patron Lounge in the lobby of Jones Hall to enjoy complimentary • Monthly recognition in Houston Symphony Magazine • Sponsor four 3rd and/or 4th grade classrooms to attend Symphony Explorer Concerts • All the benefits of the Composer's Circle Level |
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2011-2012 Annual Fund Commitment Form



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

2011-2012 Houston Symphony Gift: \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Benefit/Recognition Options:

____ I/We request no benefits with a Fair Market Value so that 100% of this gift is a charitable contribution.

____ I/We would like to receive Classical benefits. ____ I/We would like to receive Pops benefits.

____ I/We request to remain anonymous.

_____ Name as it is to appear in the Houston Symphony Magazine

Payment will be made as follows:

____ Check enclosed made payable to the Houston Symphony.

____ Charge the pledged amount to my: ____ Am Express ____ MasterCard ____ VISA ____ Discover

Account# _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on card _____

____ Please charge my Credit Card for \$ _____

____ Monthly ____ Quarterly beginning: _____

____ Send Pledge Reminders: ____ Monthly ____ Quarterly beginning: _____

or, on the following dates: _____

____ I/We will contact Robin Lewis at (713) 337-8527 to make arrangements to transfer stock to fulfill my/our pledge.

Matching Gift Information:

My/Our contribution will be matched by: _____

Please attach your company's matching gift form to this form.

**Return the complete form to:
Houston Symphony Society, Attention: Development
615 Louisiana, Suite 102, Houston, Texas 77002
For questions or more information, call the Development Department at (713) 337-8500
Thank you for your support!**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

October 17, 2011

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League City, TX 77573
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September Meeting

October 12, 10 am
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Board Meeting

October 17 9:30 coffee, 10 am meeting
Bay Area Community Center
5002 E. Nasa Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586

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:

Roberta Liston, Education Treasurer
126 Bristol Bend Lane
Dickinson, Texas 77536