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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.

General Meeting January 11, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Dr. Gustavo Bianchi and Friends

Rachmaninoff Program for Piano, Cello and Voice



Dr. Gustavo Bianchi's performance during our last season was so well received that we have invited him back for our January 11th monthly meeting. Dr. Bianchi has enjoyed a distinguished international career, having performed in halls across the United States, South America, and Asia.

Dr. Bianchi currently resides in Austin where he earned his doctoral degree from the University of Texas, Austin School of Music, and where he has served as adjunct faculty. He founded and directed the Northwest Hills Chamber Music Festival, and is Vice President of the Austin District Music Teachers Association. In Austin he is a highly sought-out pianist, collaborative artist and teacher. He has also been the pianist at the Bee Creek United Methodist Church in Spicewood, Texas, since 2004.

For his return performance two colleagues – Cellist Dr. **Feng Zhao** and Soprano **Minkyung Lee** – also former graduate students from the University of Texas will accompany him.

Dr. **Feng Zhao**, born in Tianjin, China, began his cello lessons at age ten. He studied cello at the Shanghai Conservatory with Professor Qian Yi-Shan, a former student of Pablo Casals. After he obtained two Masters degrees in 1995 from Kent State University, he received his degree in Doctor of Musical Arts from University of Texas in 2006. Presently he has been actively presenting recitals and master classes at the University of Texas at Arlington, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and in the Austin area.

Dr. **Minkyung Lee** has been blessed to perform in various parts of the world including the United States, Taiwan and Korea. She received her Masters of Music in voice performance and her Doctorate of Music in voice performance at the University of Texas in Austin. She taught at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and is currently a voice faculty at Armstrong Community Music School and works as the music director at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Killeen, Texas.



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President's Message

Hello,

I hope you have all had a peaceful and relaxing holiday season. The HSLBA Christmas Open House at the home of Carole Murphy was delightful. There was visiting, music, food and drinks for all!! Thanks to everyone that helped make it such a success.

The October 25th "Music and the Museum" was also a great success from what I heard. I was so sorry to miss that event. It was so much fun that people think we should do it again next year! We have the Concerto Competition at the University of Houston scheduled for January 7th. If you would like to help or just come listen to the music, we would love to have you. The competition starts at 9AM at the UH Opera House. Alice Steele is leading this effort for us if you need further information.

Everything is on schedule for the Home Tour. Tickets are being printed and docent training will begin shortly. If you haven't signed up to be a docent, please do so at the January meeting. Also, we hope that you will attend the pre-tour party on March 23rd and invite your friends!

The Houston Symphony is in the middle of their annual fund raising effort. If you have not contributed to the 2011-2012 annual fund, please do so in the month of January. They are trying very hard to meet the challenge of the Houston Endowment Foundation. Please consider contributing and/or raising your usual amount to help them with this endeavor.

I am looking forward to our Spring programs. Mary Voigt has scheduled some great performers. Remember, the February program will be in the evening. You will be hearing more about that in the future.

Please mark January 11th on your calendar for the next program. The full schedule is on the web site at www.hslba.org

Glenda Toole
HSLBA President

HOME TOUR

New Year--New Calendar—— Remember to Save the Dates--March 24-25

Please mark your calendar for the weekend of March 24-25 for our 11th annual home tour. There are four beautiful homes in Nassau Bay and they are all close together--three are almost next to one another. We will need everyone to help in some way: ticket sellers, ticket takers, docents, people to set up at the homes, greeters, etc. Please contact Dana Puddy (281-326-1817), Pat Biddle (281-488-2346), or Nina McGlashan (281-488-7614) so that we can put your name in a position you will enjoy. The sign-up sheets will be available at our January meeting. Looking forward to seeing you then! Having a successful home tour will ensure that our music education programs in the schools will continue.

Spring Program Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 2	7:00 PM	Gloria Dei	Windsync Wind Ensemble
Wednesday, March 14	10:00AM	Gloria Dei	Concerto Competition Winner
Wednesday, April 11	10:00AM	Gloria Dei	Clear Lake HS Soundwaves
Wednesday, May 9	10:00AM	Bay Oaks Country Club	Kerry & Eric - Banjo and Bass

Thanks for the Success of our Holiday Open House!

The festive gathering of friends for our Christmas party was such a pleasure. Thank all of you who came to enjoy our Second Annual Holiday Open House. We are especially grateful to Glenda Toole for her support and backing of the party, to Madge Hunt for playing our favorite Christmas carols so beautifully, to Nina McGlashan for organizing the contribution of food, to Anne Yannie who provided the beautiful flowers, and to each one of you who brought the wonderful cookies, candies and savories.

I am very happy to tell you that Pat Bertelli has agreed to have the party in her gorgeous home next year. We can all look forward to another great Holiday Open House!

And finally, we would be remiss if we didn't thank Deanna Lamoreux for her tenacity during her Presidency last year about the importance of having a HSLBA Christmas party so that we would be able to socialize and bond while we celebrate the season. I think she was right!

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Carole Murphy
HSLBA President Elect
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NEW GRANTS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Recent contributors to HSLBA's "I LOVE MUSIC" program are the Boeing Company, the City of Webster and the Lunar Rendezvous Festival Fund. We are proud of our in-schools music enrichment program in grades 1 through 5 of the Clear Creek Independent School District. To keep these ambitious performances going, it takes many volunteers who faithfully help us plan, present, announce, usher, and fund them. Our Homes by the Bay Tour, to be presented March 24 and 25, 2012, is a primary source of funding and will require many volunteers to make it successful. It is very important that members help solicit ads for the tour book. I want to thank all of you in advance for helping with our very important project. Our program sparks the interest of thousands of young people and starts them on a journey into the wonderful world of music.

Sue Smith, Development

February NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

January 20, 2012

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January meeting

January 11, 2012
10 am
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Board Meeting

January 17 — 9:30 coffee, 10 am meeting
Bay Area Community Center

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.

Make checks payable to HSLBA and send to:

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.

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