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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.

PARAGON BRASS



The Paragon Brass will be in concert at the October 10 meeting of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road, Houston, TX. Social time begins at 10:00 am and the free concert begins at 10:30 am.

Since its formation in 1983, the Paragon Brass has delighted audiences at home in Houston and across the country with programs of musical virtuosity and tremendous variety. The group was formed to appear at the Texas Renaissance Festival and made its formal concert debut in 1985 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Since then the ensemble has performed hundreds of concerts annually and is especially noted for its versatility and unique repertoire.

Through its association with Young Audiences, Inc., the Paragon Brass Ensemble has introduced thousands of children to classical music. This group represents one of the groups that the Houston Symphony League Bay Area sponsors in the elementary schools of the Clear Creek Independent School District. Their concert on October 10 will include samples of what they present to the children of our schools plus wonderful examples of the music they present in concert in Houston and venues throughout the country. The ensemble was nominated for the General Electric Artist Award for excellence in *Arts-in-Education*, and performed for the national convention of Young Audiences in Kansas City. The quintet has offered its own concert series in Houston, and they have performed throughout the Midwest and South with The Texas Commission of Arts Touring Roster. They give generously through their own *Arts for the Elderly* program.

Members of the ensemble are Will Samson (tuba), Jeffrey Grass (trumpet) Thomas Hulten (trombone), Thomas Tillotson (trumpet), and Kevin McIntyre (horn). The Paragon Brass Ensemble's Houston concerts have been recorded for broadcast on KUHF and have been heard nationally on *Performance Today*. The PBE's Salute to Sousa was broadcast on KUHF as a one-hour special on July 4, 1991 and their one-hour Christmas special, *A New Joy Has Come!* aired on Christmas Eve Day, 1992. The Paragon Brass celebrated the Gershwin Centennial with an all-Gershwin gala in Galveston's Grand 1894 Opera House. In 1999 they released their first compact disc recording, *Joy to the World*, which was recorded at Ascension Episcopal Church.

We welcome Paragon Brass Ensemble as they perform October 10 at our monthly meeting.

Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA2012-2013)

President's Message

What a pleasure it is to belong to Houston Symphony League Bay Area. We work together to support quality music education and enrichment programs for CCISD elementary school students, to bring fine musical performances for our community to share, and to encourage patronage, appreciation and financial support of the Houston Symphony. And we have fun doing it!

If you are a new member, we welcome you! Those of us who have experienced the joy of being involved look forward to helping you become acquainted with all we have to offer. We believe every member should make a commitment on some level to help us reach our objectives.

Each one of us has the opportunity to form and strengthen friendships and to experience real satisfaction by becoming active in the League. Please consider volunteering to assist with our School Programs, with the Home Tour, with the fabulous Pre-Tour Party, with Music at the Museum, or with the many other activities that define our group.

This year we have a new and exciting opportunity. During recent storms, the Houston Symphony lost two important pianos to floodwaters. The Houston Symphony League and the Houston Symphony League Bay Area now plan to work together to raise funds to buy a remarkable new piano to present to the Symphony, and the new piano will bear a plaque to commemorate our contribution.

Carole Murphy
President

SPECIAL EVENTS

Houston Symphony League Bay Area
2012-2013

October 23, 2012

Music at the Museum

Bay Area Museum

A Very Special Performance with Violin and Guitar

\$25.00

For Reservations and information

Contact Carole Murphy 281-480-2930

December 12, 2012

Holiday Party!

Home of Pat and Noel Bertelli

2417 West Ranch Drive

Friendswood, Texas 77546

Contact: Pat Bertelli 281-482-0632

March 22, 2013

Preview Party for the Home Tour

March 23 and 24, 2013

A Day by the Bay Home Tour

For information contact:

Vicki Buxton 281-954-6317

Houston Symphony League Bay Area and Bay Area Museum Guild

Join Forces to Present

Music at the Museum

A Very Special Evening of Music, Food and Fun

***Tuesday, October 23, 2012 from 6:30 to 9:00
The Bay Area Museum in Clear Lake City Park
Twenty-Five Dollars per Person***

**Seating is Limited and by Reservation
Proceeds Benefit the Bay Area Museum and the Houston Symphony**

Selling Quickly. Don't Miss this Exceptional Event!

For information and reservations contact:

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HOME TOUR

The advertising contract for the Home Tour is online and can be accessed by clicking on "Home Tour."
Thank you for your support as we gather information for our program book.

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Articles due no later than October 30

October meeting
Wednesday, November 8
10 a.m.
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Board Meeting
October 16

9:30 coffee and 10:00 a.m. 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.

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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