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# HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA

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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.*



## Quartus Chamber Players

The Quartus Chamber Players will be performing for the Houston Symphony League Bay Area on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 10 AM. They will play in the Worship Center at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay.

Quartus musicians are violinist Pei-Ju Wu and Caroline Slack, violist Meredith Harris, cellist Shino Hayashi and clarinetist Maiko Sasaki.

Quartus is a participating group in HSLBA's I Love Music Program which brings music to CCISD elementary schools.

The Houston Symphony League meets second Wednesdays throughout the school year.

Membership is open to all music lovers who want to enjoy, support and promote music of the Houston Symphony.

For more information about HSLBA and the upcoming spring Day by the Bay Home Tour tickets, please call Pat Biddle, 281-488-2346. Guests are always welcomed at a monthly meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Important Events and Opportunities

We have a lot to look forward to! First, our next general meeting is February 13 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 10:00 AM. Come for coffee and a visit with your friends, and a brief business meeting. Then the Quartus String Quartet, part of our music education programming in the CCISD schools, will bring us an enjoyable classical chamber music performance. Please note that we will meet in the Sanctuary at Gloria Dei rather than in the Chapel.

There is a new twist to funding our school programs! Our major fund raiser, A Day by the Bay Home Tour, is Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24. As always, we are actively seeking advertisements for the Tour Book and selling tickets. In addition, we are offering something new, the opportunity to become a **Friend of HSLBA**. For a donation of \$25 or more, names of "Friends" will be included in the book. You may have acquaintances or business associates that are not interested in securing an advertisement, but would be willing to give \$25 to help support our fund raiser. You may also want to become a "Friend of HSLBA" yourself, or to give \$25 in honor of another person. For example, I made of donation in recognition of Vicki Buxton's hard work on the home tour and there will be notation of that in the Tour Book. You undoubtedly can think of someone you would like to honor in this way. Vicki Buxton can give you information and answer questions about this.

Don't forget the Pre-Tour Party Friday evening, March 22.

Thank you!

Carole Murphy

President, Houston Symphony League Bay Area

### Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a way to increase your involvement with music in our area? Then consider becoming a member of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA) and volunteer! Help with our elementary school music enrichment programs, "I Love Music", be a docent for our annual "Day by the Bay" Home Tour, help with membership events, join your new friends for bus trips to the Houston Symphony and enjoy our monthly music programs (September through May). Our members will welcome you and we think you will enjoy knowing and working with them.

Just contact HSLBA President, Carole Murphy at [carolemurphy@live.com](mailto:carolemurphy@live.com) or Membership Chairman, Pat Biddle at [kron12@yahoo.com](mailto:kron12@yahoo.com) or 281-488-2346 for information.

### Important News!

Our Home Tour Team has instigated a new option to help fund our school programs. We now offer the opportunity to become a "Friend of HSLBA" by donating \$25.00 to the Home Tour. "Friends" will have their names listed in the Home Tour Book and again in our April Newsletter on our website. Here is how you can help make this opportunity successful:

1. Ask your friends and acquaintances if they would be willing to help with our school music programs by becoming a "Friend".
2. Ask businesses and professionals that you use. Be sure to mention the opportunity to advertise in the Tour Book first and if they decline to advertise, ask them to become a "Friend".
3. Honor someone you care about and appreciate. Donate \$25 and tell the Home Tour Team the name of the person you are honoring.
4. Become a "Friend" in your own right, knowing you are helping a wonderful cause.

Please contact Vicki Buxton with any questions, and please consider taking action on this right away!

Thank you!

## Save the Date

Did you remember that our wonderful spring home tour is coming up? “After a successful home tour in Nassau Bay last year, we’ve decided to go to a different area of the bay. This year we’re showcasing four luxurious homes around Taylor Lake in the Lake Cove section of Seabrook and in Taylor Lake Village,” commented Vicki Buxton, chairman of the home tour. The tour begins with a pre-tour party on Friday, March 22, 2013 in Taylor Lake Village in a spacious traditional home filled with beautiful antiques, many of which have come from New Orleans—one is a teardrop crystal chandelier. This homeowner is an avid collector of WWI memorabilia—uniforms are displayed on mannequins, campaign flags are beautifully framed, as are depictions of generals and soldiers, and campaign chest articles. On Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, the home tour is scheduled from noon to 5PM. The two homes in Lake Cove are closest together, having a beautiful, tropical setting and many collections—train enthusiasts will like the trains that surround one room. Both of these homes are on canals. The other two homes are in Taylor Lake Village with views of the lake. One is a spacious contemporary which sits at the end of a cul-de-sac, has warm tones, and a strong Mediterranean feel. The other sits back from the street nestled in a woodland and is actually two homes, as one is the residence and the other a guest house.

Tickets are \$75 for the pre-tour party and home tour, or \$15 for the home tour. They are available from HSLBA members or Alberta at 281-480-4370. The website is [HSLBA.org](http://HSLBA.org).

Join us for a fun day touring the homes and help support the CCISD music enrichment programs HSLBA provides for the 13,000+ elementary students in our area from first-fifth grades. The organization has a 501c3 designation.

### **Andres Orozco-Estrada, Houston Symphony Conductor and Music Director**

Please see announcement of the Houston Symphony's 16th conductor and music director, Andres Orozco-Estrada . He is a dynamic young man. Watch the video of the announcement on the Houston symphony website. <http://www.houstonsymphony.org/>

The Houston Symphony will announce the 2013/2014 season on Feb. 6th. This will be their centennial year and there are many great performances planned.

Our next program meeting will be February 13th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Sanctuary. We hope to see you there! The program will be the Quartus String Quartet. They are a part of our education program in the CCISD schools and are dedicated to making classical chamber music more widely acceptable by bringing intimate and educational performances to concert halls and to schools. Please mark your calendars!!

Our Home Tour Weekend is March 23, & 24th. The Pre-Tour Party is March 22nd. If you can help as a docent in the homes or in selling ads, please call Vickie Buxton at 281-954-6317. We need everyone!

The HSLBA calendar and newsletters can be found at <http://www.hslba.org/>

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**Articles due no later than March 1,2013**

**February Meeting  
Wednesday, February 13  
10 a.m.  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

**Board Meeting  
February 18  
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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