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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.*

## OMNI BRASS TO PERFORM FOR HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA



The first monthly meeting of the 2013 – 2014 HSLBA season will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay, Texas. At 10:00 a.m. there will be socializing, followed by a brief business meeting at 10:30 a.m. and an OMNI BRASS performance at 10:45 a.m.

OMNI BRASS will present a diverse program of traditional repertoire combined with innovative arrangements of music in all styles. Included will be Andrea Gabrieli's *Ricercar*, Maurice Ravel's *Trois Chanson*, Antonin Dvorak's *Humoresques*, Alberto Ginastera's *Malambo*, and the well-known Dixieland favorite *Basin Street Blues*.

OMNI BRASS was founded (under the name Prism Brass) in 2006 by trombonist Karen Marston. Since that time, the ensemble has combined an active freelance career in and around the Houston area with significant recital events focused on expanding the repertoire for brass quartet. In 2008, members of OMNI BRASS were quarterfinalist finishers in the *Fischoff International Chamber Music Competition* and were featured in a *Soiree Recital* at that event. OMNI has also performed well-received programs at Rice University, the San Jacinto College Central Brass Symposium, St. Paul Catholic Church, and St. Pius Catholic Church, and can regularly be heard performing on Sunday mornings at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. In 2012, the ensemble made their international debut as featured guest artists at *Café Corotu*, an innovative concert series in Panama City, Panama. Active supporters of new works, OMNI recently performed the world premier of Joseph Schenck's *Fanfare Aprilis Mensis*, a piece written for the group, and can be heard on the first recording of Paul Busselberg's new work for brass, choir, percussion, and organ, *Songs of Mercy*. Currently, the members of OMNI are recording a debut CD, a project that which has been funded through a successful *Kickstarter* Campaign.

Guests are welcome and membership is open to those who enjoy music and want to support and promote music of the Houston Symphony. HSLBA also brings music enrichment to all CCISD students in grades one through five throughout the school year. For information, please call Pat Biddle at 281-488-2346.



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Patience Myers

August 23, 2013

Dear Friends,

Here it is September already, or, in my case, the end of August when I am writing this message. All of us in HSLBA are looking forward to the great programs Mary Voigt has arranged for us this year. And remember that there will be a couple of special events this year too, such as Music at the Museum on October 29.

Speaking of Mary Voigt, her position on the HSLBA Board is Vice President, Programs. Mary has had a busy and interesting life. A farm girl from Minnesota, she graduated from Luther College, moved to Houston to escape the cold, and then earned an MBA from UHCL. Mary spent 15 years in health care management, and then changed careers to become Director of Music and Arts at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. She says that one of the great joys of her life has been her +20 years singing in the Houston Symphony Chorus.

And, in an attempt to share information about all our Board members, who do you think was born in California, grew up there, then married and raised 5 daughters and is a Past President of HSLBA? That's right, Pat Bertelli who is now the Parliamentarian and tries to keep us in order, at least during the Board meetings. Furthermore, Pat used to work at Knotts Berry Farms.

That's all for now, as my husband and I are still on vacation, still on the road, and now driving in the beautiful Gaspé Peninsula of North-eastern Quebec.

### **HSLBA TRIP TO CYNTHIA WOODS PAVILION FOR HOUSTON SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE**

Lots of good patriotic music and a couple of guest soloists helped to round out the very entertaining evening. Many thanks are extended to all of you who graciously helped Cindy Kuennecke and Helene Poling. Your efforts were very much appreciated. Also, thanks to all who participated in this event. We hope you can join us next year.

### **VOLUNTEER PUPPETEERS**

We have a wonderful, dedicated group of puppeteers for presenting the first grade program, "Maestro the Magnificent" in the Clear Creek elementary schools. But, we are possibly expanding to add a few more performances and we need more volunteer puppeteers. We have a lot of fun presenting these programs to the first graders and seeing their enjoyment in watching the puppets. Please consider joining us this season! We need you!!!! A short training session will be held in early fall, and we hope you will join us. You'll love the puppets!!!! For more information, call Nina McGlashan at 281-488-7614.



## Ride to Bus to the HSO Performance



- 1 Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto - September 15, 2013
- 2 Mozart & Schumann - October 27, 2013
- 3 Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 - November 24, 2013
- 4 Emanuel Ax Plays Bach - February 16, 2014
- 5 Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings - March 9, 2014
- 6 Tchaikovsky's Romeo & Juliet - April 13, 2014

- \* 6-Concert Package & Bus; call Houston Symphony: 713-224-7575 to reserve your seats.
- \* Bus departs Bay Area Park & Ride at 1 PM; arrives for lunch or pre-concert lecture.
- \* Single tickets and bus rides - space available.

Please call Don Davis, 832-864-2776 for more information and make reservations.

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**HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA GENERAL MEETINGS, 2013 – 2014**

Wednesday, September 11, 2013  
Wednesday, October 9, 2013  
Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
Wednesday, December 11           No meeting, Christmas party  
Wednesday, January 8, 2014  
Wednesday, February 12, 2014  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014       Luncheon meeting, installation of officers

All meetings will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road, Houston, TX 77058, with coffee served at 9:30 and the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The brief business meeting will be followed by an hour of beautiful music. Programs to be announced.

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