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<p><small>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.</small></p>		

The Elegant Artistry Duo To Perform for Houston Symphony League Bay Area



The Elegant Artistry Duo, Dr. Wendy Bergin on flute and Elizabeth Brownlee on harp, will be the guest artists for the Wednesday, January 8, 2014, meeting of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA) in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Chapel in Nassau Bay, Texas. Socializing will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a brief business meeting and the program.

The duo will present *A Medieval to Modern Experience* which will include works by well-known composers such as Rossini along with a modern, evocative selection inspired by a painting. There will be a glimpse of the Medieval pavane through the lens of a modern day composer - all enhanced by the commentary of Dr. Bergin.

Wendy Isaac Bergin is Associate Professor of Music at Prairie View A & M University and principal flutist for Houston's Opera in the Heights. A graduate of McNeese State University and the University of Houston, she has also been an Affiliated Artist at the University of Houston, Central Campus and has served on the faculties of UH Downtown, Blinn College and Lee College. She spent three years living in Sweden and during that time she made solo and chamber music recordings for the Swedish National Radio. She has also performed as a recorder player with the Houston Grand Opera, the Victoria Bach Festival and Ars Lyrica Houston.

Dr. Bergin's first novel, *The Piper Stories: A Tale of War, Music and the Supernatural*, was published in March of 2013 by Clay Bridges Press.

Elizabeth Brownlee began her study of the harp at the age of 16 at South Park High School in Beaumont, TX. She received a Bachelor of Music Degree with a double major in harp and piano from the University of Houston where she studied harp with Beatrice Rose. During this time and through 1980, she served as second harpist for the Houston Symphony Orchestra. She has played extensively throughout the Houston area playing with the Houston Ballet, Theater Under the Stars along with other civic orchestras. Mrs. Brownlee gives generously of her time and talent in performances in schools and churches every year. Mrs. Brownlee is married to pianist Robert Brownlee and has two daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Guests are welcome at HSLBA's monthly meetings and membership is open to those who want to support or promote music at the Houston Symphony. Contact Membership Chair Pat Biddle at 281-488-2346, or visit the Web site at: www.hslba.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, January 2014

A New Year is always a time of reflection of our past good fortune and hope for things to come.

Sometimes we forget to tell our friends and associates how much they mean to us. I want you to know how much I treasure each of you. Good friends are good fortune. Friendships made through Houston Symphony League Bay Area are at the top of my list. HSLBA members are without exception the best and most reliable friends and team members in my lifetime. *Thank you.*

The work we accomplish together is exceptional and reflective of our strong commitment and unwavering belief in the importance of the mission of HSLBA. The thousands of children who often first experience music through our Puppets, Petting Zoos and sponsored-musicians, also thank you.

This year promises to be another banner year for HSLBA. The Houston Symphony performance at Gloria Dei on March 15 is a long-sought-after event. We have exceptional homes on the home tour, including the West Mansion and expect to have an increase in tour guests.

Some of you may wonder what brought me to HSLBA. It was the home tour. When I saw what the teamwork of HSLBA members could accomplish, I wanted to be part of HSLBA. Enduring friendships have resulted.



Here is to a healthy, happy and music-filled 2014. Some important “Save the Date” notices:

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| January 8, 2014 | HSLBA General Meeting - Elegant Artistry Duo with Harp and Flute |
| February 12, 2014 | HSLBA General Meeting - Mika Hasler, Violin; Gustavo Bianchi, Piano |
| March 12, 2014 | HSLBA General Meeting |
| March 15, 2014 | Houston Symphony performance at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - \$20 tickets |
| March 21, 2014 | HSLBA 13 th Annual Home Tour – Pre-Tour Party |
| March 22 and 23, 2014 | HSLBA 13 th Annual Home Tour |

HOME TOUR UPDATE

We have fabulous homes for the March 22 and 23 Home Tour and Pre-Tour Party, March 21. These include 3 waterfront homes in Timber Cove, the West Mansion, Bay Area Museum, and homes Bay-view and Kemah. Another home much sought-after home for many years is a very strong "maybe". **Glenda Toole and Sonya Markham are seeking home chairs.** Plans are to reduce the number of docents previously needed for each house and streamline (as much as possible) the duties of the home chairs and docents. As an example, we will have a brochure for the West Mansion which will answer the myriad of questions likely to be posed by tour guests. We will also take the excellent suggestion made by an experienced docent to have only brief descriptions given by the docents, but ready-resources available to answer questions.

Jim Moore and Pat McKinney are heading up tour book advertisements and also need support. Remember to solicit an advertisement from those who provide services to you such as pool service, landscape/tree service, air-conditioning/heating service, cabinet provider, flooring provider, restaurants, etc.

Please plan to help with the Home Tour! We cannot provide the very important music education programs in the CCISD and Friendswood schools without this fund raiser. Your support is essential.

THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY COMES TO CLEAR LAKE TO CELEBRATE ITS 100th BIRTHDAY!

On Saturday, March 15, 2014, the Houston Symphony will present a concert of beautiful music, featuring First Violinist, Frank Huang. This concert will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm. **ALL TICKETS WILL COST \$20.00 each.** Tickets are now available on line at: houstonsymphony.org/tickets.

We are all thrilled to be able to hear this world renowned symphony orchestra playing the beautiful music of Tchaikovsky and Vivaldi. And for such a low price! More information to follow.

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

Board Meeting: January 13

Bay Area Community Center 9:30 am coffee and 10:00 am Meeting
5002 E. NASA Parkway
Seabrook, TX 77586

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Articles for February newsletter due on FEBRUARY 1, 2014

Please send articles to Joan Wade, Editor