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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.

HSLBA September Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

NOTE TIME!!! 7 PM NOTE TIME!!!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



Daniel Strba and Marcia Sterling



Houston Symphony musician, Daniel Strba, and his wife, Marcia Sterling, will be the guest musicians for a special Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA) evening program on Tuesday, September 16, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Social time begins at 7:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. The program is free and the public is invited. Strba and Sterling will entertain us with a wealth of talent and expertise.

Both native Chicagoans, their early years began as stage musicians with show business legends Tony Bennett, Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Peggy Lee, as well as the Frank Sinatra Orchestra.

Daniel joined the Houston Symphony and they made Houston their home. Daniel sings and plays both viola and piano. Marcia, vocalist, violinist and comedienne, is best known for her dazzling performances with The Best Little Klezmer Band in Texas. Together, this dynamic pair inspires new innovations that keep their performances vibrant and engaging.

Program highlights will include classical and popular pieces such as

Badinaire by Bach
Pavanne by Faure
Carmen Fantasy by Bizet
as well as songs from Fiddler on the Roof, Baubles, Bangles and Beads and more.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located at 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay, 2 blocks south of Johnson Space Center. For more information, go to www.HSLBA.org.



President's Message

There is a lot to report this month. But first, please note the change in time and date for the September Program! This is a program that you will not want to miss! As a challenge, I encourage each of you to bring at least one new person to this meeting.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Dana Puddy is leading an assessment of the Education Program and Nina McGlashan's report below gives some of the activity. Mary Voigt is coming close to completing the entertainment schedule for this year; we will have two evening meetings, Houston Symphony members performing at these meetings as well as at Music and the Museum and the spring luncheon. In addition, we expect the HSO to perform here at a date to be determined. Vicki Buxton and Joan Wade have made excellent progress on lining up homes for this year's Home Tour, but we still need someone to come forward to give Vicki some relief on chairing the Home Tour

EDUCATION EVALUATION COMMITTEE: - Nina McGlashan's

An evaluation committee has met several times this summer to see how our 1-5 programs can be updated to more fully align with the state music curriculum requirements and to incorporate a more across-the-curriculum presentation. Our thanks to Frank McGrath of ESCH, a consulting company, who led this process, along with committee members Dana Puddy, Patience Myers, Jim Moore, Mary Voigt, Vicki Buxton, Donna Stoa, Martha McWilliams, and Nina McGlashan.

PUPPET SHOWS FOR FIRST GRADES:

A new easy-to-assemble stage was ordered and now has been returned because though it was fairly easy-to-assemble, it was also very flimsy and easy to see the puppeteers behind the curtain. Thanks go to Bob McGlashan who reworked some of the broken sections of our very old stage, so it's ready for performances. We would love to have you as a puppeteer!!

Thanks to Jim Moore for donating his time and expertise in putting the instrument sounds on a computer so that they are much easier to access for the puppet shows. Also, Jim and Aggie are donating an old computer and letting us borrow two small Bose speakers.

Membership - Pat Biddle

The recent response to pay your annual dues has been very good, **But**, for those that have not done so, I would like to remind all members that it is time to send in your Houston Symphony League Bay Area annual dues. The dues are \$50 for singles and \$75 for couples and can be mailed to:

Pat Biddle, Membership Vice President
1018 Trowbridge Dr.
Houston, TX 77062

Remember, your dues are essential to the wonderful music programs provided at each of our meetings, and contribute to our "I Love Music" programs in 26 CCISD elementary schools.

Wine and Cheese Party

Our annual Membership Drive has been scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the home of Betsy Lake, 16502 Brook Forest Dr. Houston, Texas 77059 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

If you have any potential members you would like to invite, please forward the **name, address, email and phone number** to Pat Biddle at the address below. Invitations will be mailed to all the invitees, and the member who submitted their name.

The deadline for submitting names is **Wednesday, August 27th**.

Pat Biddle, VP Membership
kron12@yahoo.com
281-488-2346

Note-Ables - Joan Wade

The Note-Ables will resume rehearsals Thursday, September 4. New singers are welcome. The rehearsals are held every Thursday from 1:30 until 3:00 PM in the Choir Room of the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church.

Home Tour 2015 Plans - Vicki Buxton

Plans for the 2015 Home Tour are underway. The dates of April 11 and 12, 2015 have been tentatively selected to avoid conflicts with HISD and CCISD spring breaks, the Easter season and the weather.

Several HSLBA members have agreed to accept leadership positions for the tour. We have added a 3rd position to the home tour subcommittees this year. Previous chairs are helping by serving in "advisory" positions to help with transition/continuity and provide insight and history. **However, we still need help with: Advertising/Home Tour Book, Pre-Tour Party, Publicity (Nina McGlashan will head this effort; however a backup is necessary) and Home Tour Co-Chairman.** We have several houses under consideration and are hoping to include an historic property as well continue to showcase the Bay Area Museum. Please consider accepting one of the open committee positions. If you would like more information, please call Vicki Buxton at 281-954-6317. . She will be taking the role as co-chair and the effort done so very well these past several years by Pat Biddle.

We need a CHAIR!

If you know about a home for the tour, we would really like to have this information ASAP -- call Vicki!

By-Laws Revisions - Dana Puddy, Parliamentarian

Several amendments to the By-Laws have been approved by the Board for submission to the membership for ratification. The By-Laws provide an option that proposed amendments be provided to the membership in writing ten days prior to the meeting and then must receive a two-thirds vote of the members present. The amendments are given below but the intent may be summarized as follows:

1. In recognition of the importance of fund raising to support our education program, is elevated from a committee chair to the title of Vice-President Development. (Article IV and the insertion of a new Section 7 under Article VIII: DUTIES)
2. Article VIII: Duties
Section 2 is revised to improve clarity and make it gender neutral. Section 7 is inserted to define the duties of the Vice-President Development.
3. Standing rules, number 6 is revised to show that Member Dues paid in March, April, and May shall be credited to the next year's dues - a change from only April.

**Proposed revisions to By-Laws and Standing Rules
of Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA) August, 2014**

BY-LAWS

Article IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: The elected officers of HSLBA shall be: President; President Elect; Vice-Presidents serving areas of Program, Membership, Education, Finance, **Development**, and Communications; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Chairman of Nominations.

Article VIII: DUTIES

Section 2: ~~As liaison to the Central League, she~~ **The President-elect** shall serve ~~on the~~ as liaison to the Board of the Houston Symphony League.

Section 7: Development Vice-President shall be responsible for fund raising including community involvement and coordination with the Houston Symphony Office of Development Department.

Note: Existing sections 7 through 10 will be renumbered as Sections 8 through 11.

STANDING RULES

6. Annual dues received in the months of **March**, April, or **May** shall be credited to the next year's dues.

Other: The date adopted by the membership should be indicated.