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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.

Wednesday , March 11, 2015

Program

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

10:00 AM

Houston Symphony League Concerto Winner



The 2015 Houston Symphony League Concerto Competition Winner, pianist Ben Hoang, will be the featured guest performer for the upcoming meeting of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA), Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00 am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. This amazing young pianist is a 6th grader at the Holy Family Catholic School in Austin, TX. He began playing piano at age 5 and is currently a student of Dr. Saido Kararova. Ben was the first place winner of the Houston Symphony Youth Concerto Competition on January 10.

His award includes the opportunity to play with the Houston Symphony for the 2016 Houston Symphony Salute to Educator's Concert. Ben's debut with an orchestra was at age 9 when he toured with the Austin Symphony on their annual High School Concerts. By age 10, he performed with the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra as the winner of the 2014 Marielle Ogletree Young Artists Competition. At the age of 11, Ben won the Pearl Amster Youth Concerto Competition in Austin and performed with the Austin Civic Orchestra. Among his other awards are a Gold Medal at the 7th International Chopin Youth Competition in Houston and 1st place winner of the Texas State University Young Artist Piano Competition. Besides piano, Ben is active in his school math team, and enjoys reading, bike riding and playing video games.

Hoang's program on March 11 will feature

Beethoven's Sonata No. 3 in C Major, Op 2, Movement 1

Liszt Concert Etude No 2, "La Leggierezza."

Guest Speaker Dr. Betsy Cook Weber



Guest speaker, Dr. Betsy Cook Weber, Director of the Houston Symphony Chorus, will also be featured at this meeting. She will speak about the upcoming performances of the Verdi Requiem and the Mahler Symphony No. 3 by the Houston Symphony and Women of the Houston Symphony Chorus. She will also go into some depth on how she prepares the chorus for major works such as these.

This Houston Symphony League Bay Area program is free and guests are welcome. For more information, go to www.hslba.org.



President's Message

We are back to our Wednesday morning meeting schedule and as described above, have another outstanding program.

As the Education Program winds down for the year the Home Tour effort is in full swing and we still need help! Please stop by the tables as you come into the meeting and offer your help for the tour and to sell tickets!

Committee: Education Evaluation - Nina McGlashan

We have only one more scheduled program for this year at this time. I appreciate our puppeteers who come so faithfully!

Home Tour – Vicki Buxton

Key Dates: Pre-Tour Party April 10, Home Tour April 11-12

Our "Day by the Bay" Home Tour is the major source of funding for our music education programs in elementary schools. Revenues assure we can continue our very popular first grade puppet show, and hire professional musicians to perform for grades 2-5 and send every 5th grader to hear a live performance of the Houston Symphony Orchestra at Jones Hall. *This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many and one they will not forget.*

Home Tour - Be A Friend of HSLBA

Friends of the Home Tour are very important to the success of our 14th annual Home Tour. A donation of \$25 (or greater, please) will have your name listed in on the Friends Page of the Home Tour Book.

This is an excellent time to remember HSLBA members/friends we have lost such as Ann Jennings, Juanita Bray, Lynette Mason-Gregg, Margaret Briggs and others. Or, perhaps you want to congratulate graduates, honor family members (grand children are a favorite), recognize our new director Andres Orozco-Estrada, or say "thank you for the music" or extend other wishes.

You can sign-up at our next meeting and also send checks and emails to Vicki Buxton (vpbuxton@gmail.com) 281-954-6317 or 2206 Cherrytree Ridge Lane, Houston, TX 77062

SELL TICKETS

Ticket sales form the nucleus of our Day by the Bay home tour. ***If each member can sell (or purchase) 7 tickets we will be in great shape:*** Tell you friends and relatives, give tickets as gifts, take them to your social and church events, ask you neighbors. Don't forget the pre-tour party (\$75 each) plan to attend and bring friends. Contact Carol Wilson and Donna Stoa for tickets.

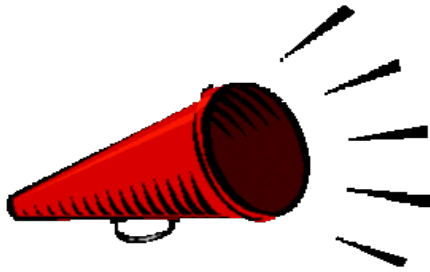
Advertisers Needed

We are in serious need of advertisers for our Home Tour Book. Several of our large-page advertisers and donors from the last two years are not renewing. Advertisements are a major source of revenue for the home tour and contributed over \$10,000 to the bottom-line in 2013 and 2014.

The best opportunity to sell an advertisement is to someone who has provided services to you -- landscaping, plumbing, electrical, flooring(decorating), design, furnishings, air-conditioning, financial services, insurance **OR** where you frequently dine. Advertisements start at \$100 (quarter page, black and white).

Please help with this important revenue source. If you need forms, information, etc. contact: Pat McKinney or Vicki Buxton. All help and "leads" will be greatly appreciated.

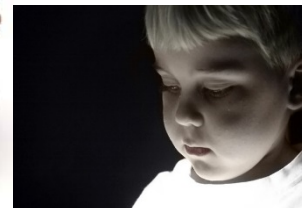
Opportunity for HSLBA Artists



CALLING ALL HSLBA ARTISTS

Exhibit at the HSLBA "Day by the Bay" Home Tour –

- **April 11 and 12, 2015 – noon until 5:00 p.m.**
- **Windemere Mansion – Nassau Bay**
- **No Charge**
- **Exhibitor must be HSLBA member**
- **Contact Sharon Ferguson – 281-488-0141 for details**



Bus to March 29 HSO Concert

This concert will include:

Mendelssohn: Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream

Bartók: Violin Concerto No. 2

Mozart: Symphony No. 39

Gilbert Varga, conductor

Augustin Hadelich, violin



The bus to the concert leaves Bay Area Park and Ride at 1 PM, arriving at Jones Hall in time for the pre-concert lecture. The bus then meets the concert goers outside Jones Hall and returns to Bay Area Park and Ride by 5:30. If you are interested in riding the bus, please call Jim Moore at 281-461-3623.