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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 , April 8, 2015

Program

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

10:00 AM



Our April meeting will feature the OMNI BRASS in a return visit. Founded in 2006 by trombonist, Dr. Karen Marston, the group also includes John Stanley on bass trombone, Jody Ilgenfritz and Kevin Shannon on trumpet and Michael Mizma on percussion.

Since its inception, this ensemble has combined an active freelance career in and around the Houston area with significant recital events focused on expanding the repertoire for brass ensemble. In 2008, they were quarter finalists in the Fischhoff

International Chamber Music Competition. In 2012, they made their international debut as featured guest artists at Café Corotu, an innovative concert series in Panama City, Panama.

OMNI BRASS released a debut CD, “The Red Album” in 2014. The program on April 8 will feature varied works by composers from Gabrielli and Hindemith to Bernstein and Fats Waller.

Guests are welcome and membership is open to those who enjoy music and want to support and promote music of the Houston Symphony.



President's Message

April is the time to elect officers for the 2015 – 2016 HSLBA year. In the March 11 meeting, Carole Murphy announced the following slate:

Position	Nominee
President	Jim Moore
President Elect	Mary Voigt
Programs Vice President	Carol Wilson
Membership Vice President	Jane Lackow
Education Vice President	Nina McGlashan
Finance Vice President/Treasurer	Patience Meyers
Development Vice President	Vicki Buxton
Communications Vice President	Dana Puddy
Recording Secretary	Donna Stoa
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Brackett
Nominations Chair	Glenda Toole

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.

The Note-Ables

Present a

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

Sunday, May 3rd

4:00 P.M.

Clear Lake Presbyterian Church

1511 El Dorado Blvd.

The Note-Ables, a choral project of the Houston Symphony League-Bay Area, invite you to their Spring Community Concert. The Concert takes place on Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00pm at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado Blvd, Houston, 77062 and is free to the public. This vibrant group of fifty-five men and women will delight you with the great music of George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Sixties Rock and Roll, Spirituals, and Broadway. You are invited to come and experience what audiences and organizations throughout the Houston area have known for the past twelve years--- that this chorus puts on a fabulous show and a smile on your face.

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.



Bus to July 3 Star-Spangled Salute by the Houston Symphony Orchestra and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in the Woodlands

HSLBA will be taking a bus to the patriotic concert again this July 3. Cost for the trip will be \$40 per person again this year for the first 52 to sign up. The cost includes the bus trip, reserved seats at the concert, a light meal on the bus with your choice of wine, beer, lemonade, or water, and brownies for the trip home. Please contact Jim Moore at (281) 461-3623 or email at jmoore1941@att.net.