

**Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
10:00 AM**

Program



Cody Garrett



Faith Ayers

Cody Garrett and Faith Ayers, contemporary music directors at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, will present our program for September.

Faith Ayers is a longtime lover of music. For the past nine years she has lived her passion as the Director of Contemporary Worship at St. Luke's United Methodist Church as well as the Worship Leader for its contemporary service called Encounter. Faith has been singing since the age of four and comes from a family of Gospel singers. She loves singing blues, pop, soul and most of all modern worship music. She has had the amazing opportunity to work with some of the greatest musicians in various venues across Houston. She is the daughter of Judy Ayers who was the event coordinator for Jones Hall for twenty years and who loved working with so many great people at the Houston Symphony. Judy passed that love for the symphony on to her daughter.

Cody Garrett, the grandson of HSLBA's Deanna Lamoreux, began piano lessons at the age of six with Cindy Kuenneke, and continued through his academic education at the University of Houston's Moores School of Music, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in music theory. Cody also attended Berklee College of Music as a scholarship recipient in 2009, where he completed the legendary harmony and arranging curriculum; this knowledge has since helped Cody to become an active arranger for Motown Records. His career highlights include sharing the stage with Michael W. Smith, John Mayer, Phillip Phillips, The Irish Tenors, and Broadway legend Ben Vereen.



President's Message

Welcome back! I last saw some of you when we rode the bus to HSO's Patriotic Concert at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in the Woodlands on July 3. Thank you to all of you who worked hard to make this trip a success.

I hope you are all rested from the summer break and ready for the many opportunities for service in accomplishing HSLBA's mission of offering music education enhancement to the area schools.

We've already had our first event on August 20 with the Wine and Cheese Party hosted by Martha and Ernie McWilliams. The purpose of the Wine and Cheese Party is to invite prospective members in order to introduce them to our programs and give them an opportunity to become members. We were very successful with 9 new members signing up. We welcome new members at any time, so don't hesitate to extend invitations to join to friends and acquaintances throughout the year.

On that note, consider this a reminder to those who have not yet sent in your membership dues for 2015-2016. You can bring your check book and pay at the September 9 meeting or mail your payment to Jane Lackow, 8702 Orchard Lane, La Porte, TX 77571.

The program for the September meeting is shown above. We will have two evening meetings again this year with the first on Tuesday October 6 with the social period starting at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7 PM. The October 6 program will feature **The Best Little Klezmer Band in Texas** that includes HSO violist Dan Strba, his wife Marcia Sterling, and former Houston Symphony Director of Education Roger Daily on accordion.

Mark your calendars for October 27 when **Music at the Museum** presents Houston Symphony violinist, Ferenc Illenyi. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

Nominations Committee

Due to an oversight, no one was nominated for the elected member positions on the Nominations Committee. The remaining Nominations Committee has nominated Yvonne Herring and Pat Biddle to these positions. At the September 9 meeting, we will have a membership vote to approve these nominees if there are no nominations from the floor.

Education Report – Nina McGlashan

This summer the education committee met with Pam Blaine, Allison Conlan, and Vickie Hamley from the Houston Symphony to explain our education programs. Pam is new to her job as Chief of Education and Community Programming for the HSO.

We also met to update our Education Catalog for the music teachers, discuss whether to extend our 1st grade program to include Kindergarten, and to plan our training session.

BE A PUPPETEER—ALL ARE INVITED:

Please join us for the **training session** which will be held:

Wed., Sept. 16 from 9-11 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

We will also perform for the Gloria Dei pre-school children there.

Information: ninameglashan@aol.com

Fund Raising 2015-16 – Vicki Buxton

HSLBA-provided music education programs in local elementary schools are in jeopardy!
Current funds will only last through the current (2015-16) school year.

Our annual "A Day by the Bay" home tour is the major source of funding for these programs which cost \$45,000-\$50,000/year. These funds pay professional musicians to provide educational programs *and send every 5th grader to hear a live performance of the Houston Symphony Orchestra at Jones Hall.* **We must have a home tour to continue the programs.**

The home tour not only supports these programs, but also informs our tour guests and increases community awareness about the importance of music for student development.

It takes every member of HSLBA working to continue the tour and make it a success. We need:

- Houses – special *interesting* houses by architecture, décor and location. Contact Vicki Buxton vpbuxton@gmail.com or 281-954-6317. We have a pre-tour party house committed.
- Willing and dedicated workers – to lead and to follow (*just say, “yes” to your telephone call or email*)
- **A Home Tour Chairman**

The Home Tour is scheduled for March 5 and 6 (early this year due to spring break weekends) with the pre-tour party on March 4.

We thank those who have said “yes”:

Nina McGlashan – Publicity

Carole Murphy – Co-Chair for Finance

Martha McWilliams – Pre-Tour Party Chair

Joe Spence – Logistics Team Chair

Pat Brackett and Jane Lackow – Ticket Co-Chairs

Gillian Ford – House Chair

Dana Puddy – House Chair Coordinator

HSLBA Teams with National Charity League, Space City Chapter

National Charity League Space City Chapter said “yes” to our proposal for young women and their mothers to support HSLBA with volunteer hours. This resource will greatly enhance our pool of volunteers for home tour docents and also provide support for other HSLBA events. These volunteers were superb, enthusiastic help during our tour in 2015. In order to continue this partnership, HSLBA was required to submit a formal proposal outlining our efforts and explaining growth opportunities for these young women.

Summer Fund-Raising Activities

Vicki Buxton, VP Development is actively seeking grant opportunities. If you know of a company (perhaps a current or former employer or civic organization) that provides educational grants, please let Vicki know and when possible, provide a contact name.

HSLBA has submitted grant requests to the City of Nassau Bay, the City of Webster, the Lunar Rendezvous and the Boeing Company (HSO submittal). Grant applications are supported by completion of a grant application, program statistics, financials, information about the home tour (Home Tour Book), the music education program catalog, and explanation of how the music education programs benefit the grant provider. Nassau Bay has committed a grant of \$1,000 for 2015-16. The other applications are under review.

Bus to HSO Concerts



Favorite Master Series - Sunday Matinee



1. *Andrés Conducts Dvorák - September 27, 2015*
2. *Emanuel Ax Plays Brahms - October 18, 2015*
3. *Shostakovich Symphony No. 10 - January 24, 2016*
4. *Haydn & Sibelius - February 14, 2016*
5. *Beethoven 2 & 8 - March 6, 2016*
6. *The Cosmos—An HD Odyssey, May 29, 2016*

Call Houston Symphony: (713) 224-7575 to purchase your concert seats.

** Bus Ride is \$100 for the 6 concert season or \$20/concert, if space is available*

** Bus departs Bay Area Park & Ride at 1 PM; arrives for lunch or pre-concert lecture.*

Please call Jim Moore @ 281-461-3623 for information and make reservations

Mail Check to Jim Moore

4106 Placid Stream Ct

Houston, TX 77059

Make Check payable to HSLBA and in Memo write: Bus Rides

Details of September 27 Concert

Program

Dvorák: Slavonic Dances – selections

Barber: Violin Concerto

Dvorák: Symphony No. 6



Artists

Andrés Orozco-Estrada, conductor

Simone Porter, violin*

*Simone Porter will replace Hilary Hahn, who was originally scheduled to perform at this concert. Ms. Hahn is taking time off this fall to spend time with her first child.