



All in the Family - Eric and Brittany Halen, Scott and Sean Holshouser



In a special night meeting, November 14 we welcome **Eric Halen** and daughter **Brittany** together with **Scott Holshouser** and his son, **Sean**, as guest performers. **Performance will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 18300 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay with welcome and reception at 6:30 and performance starting at 7:00 p.m.**

A superb violinist, **Eric Halen** is the Co-Concertmaster of the Houston Symphony Orchestra. His playing has been described by critics as “sterling” and “tenderly expressive and dramatic.” A member of the Houston Symphony since 1987, Mr. Halen received his Master’s degree at age 20 from the University of Illinois and became artist teacher of violin at Texas Christian University at Texas Christian University at age 23.

Scott Holshouser is the principal keyboardist with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and a member of the faculty at the University of Houston’s Moores School of Music. A skilled and entertaining performer, Mr. Holshouser joined the

Houston Symphony in 1980. He is a former staff pianist with the Houston Ballet and Houston Grand Opera and presently is the accompanist for the Houston Symphony Chorus, the Ima Hogg National Young Artist Competition and the Corpus Christi Young Artist Competition.

Sean Holshouser has been singing and performing for Houston audiences since the age of 9, when he joined the HITS Theater group. He has performed with the graduate students at the Morse School of Music (Harvard), the Houston Symphony, the Alley Theater and the Houston Grand Opera. Known for his exceptional ability to engage his audience and flawless performances, Sean is both an actor and vocal soloist. He favorite roles include Gavroche in Les Miserables and Jesus in Godspell. His recording of "In Dreams" is one of the most popular on YouTube with over 84,000 views. **Brittany Halen** started playing the violin at age 6 under the instruction of her father, Eric Halen, and Grandfather, Dr. Walter Halen. At age 7, she found her way into a pair of tap shoes at Becky's School of Dance. Finally, she found her love of musical theater through Theatre Under the Stars Humphreys School of Musical Theater where she was a student throughout high school. During this time, she also studied voice privately with the renowned vocalist Patti Spain. She recently appeared as Josie Cohan in George M! with Theatrezone in Naples, Florida. In Houston, Texas, she has performed as a vocal soloist with the Houston Symphony in a tribute performance to Marvin Hamlisch. Brittany has also appeared as a vocal soloist with Musica Tra Amici in Music and Songs by Gershwin and Copland. As an educator, Brittany is a teaching artist with the Humphreys School of Musical Theater's Academy and Outreach programs. She has previously worked with Theater Under The Stars – The River, where she teaches musical theater classes to children with disabilities. Brittany holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater with a concentration in Dance from Sam Houston State University, and is a member of Actors Equity Association.

Have You Paid Your 2018-2019 Dues?

The membership directory has been attached (click [here](#) to see) so that 1. you can be sure that your name is included which shows your dues have been paid and 2. to make sure the info is correct. The Directory will be printed soon. If your name is missing please pay your dues asap to be in the Directory. If you have any corrections, email Ann Morgan at annmorgan2@att.net. Dues can be paid at the October 10 meeting or mailed to: Ann Morgan 2020 Mission Street Kemah, TX 77565

Fundraising Opportunity for HSLBA



Opportunity knocked and HSLBA answered!

HSLBA was recently provided a fund-raising opportunity when "friends of music" wanted to donate unsold items from an estate sale. . . with the proviso that all funds raised would support music education programs. **BUT** the items

(household) would be picked within the next 24 hours!

HSLBA members Carole Murphy and Vicki Buxton seized on the opportunity for HSLBA to raise funds and supplement our Home Tour revenue. Murphy, Buxton, family and friends spent 6 hours on a Sunday packing items for resale and

transporting them for storage. Many, many boxes are now in garage storage! **WIN/WIN** - HSLBA entered into a consignment contract with the Nearly New Thrift Shop (Nassau Bay). The shop will sell the items and HSLBA will receive 50% of the sales price. Items must be in good, usable condition and sell for \$5 or greater to be consigned. Items not sold will be donated by the Nearly New to other charities.

This is a good opportunity for HSLBA members to also contribute usable items and HSLBA to be the benefactor. Let's start by donating jewelry: rings, necklaces, earrings, and bracelets (no watches unless in working condition with batteries included). *You can bring bags and boxes of jewelry to our next meeting! Receipts provided.*

Questions? Contact Vicki Buxton 281-954-6317 or vpbuxton@gmail.com

Volunteering for Student Concerts at Jones Hall

The Houston Symphony League provides volunteer ushers for Student Concerts throughout the school year. Typically, there are 5,000 students who attend the concerts in a day. Concerts are held at twice a day at Jones Hall. Volunteers should be there at 8:30 (if you are working the first concert) and 10:30 (if you are working the second concert). Most volunteers work both concerts and you are typically done by 12:15, but supporting one is fine.

You can take the HOV lane to get downtown on time and avoid rush hour traffic. **PARKING IS REIMBURSED BY THE SYMPHONY.** You have to pay when you park but get reimbursed before leaving. Parking is \$12.00.

Usher duties are to escort the students to their seats. A school will be ready to enter the hall. You take them to their seats and then return to the lobby to get another group. It is not a difficult task but does require quite a bit of walking and some time spent outside unloading the school buses.

Dates for the first half of the year are:
Wednesday, October 3 (2 concerts) – **IMMEDIATE NEED**
Wednesday, November 7 (2 concerts)
Thursday, November 8 (2 concerts)
December 4 (one concert at 11:15)

If you can help out on any (or all) of these dates, please let Betty Stacy know:
Home # - 281-482-0475
Cell # - 713-305-7411

Exciting New Location for Meetings



Please join us: Our HSLBA meetings will be held a few yards down the street from Gloria Dei. We'll meet at **ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (18300 Upper Bay Rd. in Nassau Bay).** Just drive past Gloria

Dei and some apartments and the church is on your right. The church will provide handicapped parking, easy parking lot parking, a Steinway piano that is slightly easier to see, a beautiful sanctuary, both kinds of coffee in real cups, and a good sound system. It will cost us less. The rector, Mike Stone, is very happy to welcome us. Meetings will start at 10:30 after social time at 10:00 on the 2nd Wed. of the month unless we have a program change for night meetings. So, nothing changes except the location of our meetings. We are very pleased with the reception we've been given.

President's Message



Dear Friends,

We have such a wonderful program we have to look forward to by the Halens and Holshousers--fathers and children in November.

Now that November is here we need to think about the Holiday Brunch. This year it will be at the Bay Area Museum in Clear Lake Park, 5000 NASA Rd. 1--the little white church building. It's a cozy historic building for our area, a charming place to gather, and brunch is from 11-1 on our regular meeting day, December 12. Our wonderful chairwomen are Mary Ruth Greenwell (903-530-1403

mrgreenwell@sbcglobal.net), Pat Biddle(281-488-2346 kron12@yahoo.com), and Yvonne Herring (281-280-8557 russherring@hotmail.com).

Volunteer sign-up sheets for different brunch-type goodies will be available at the meeting. Please let the ladies know if you plan to attend and what you can bring so that it will be a lovely brunch and time to enjoy getting together as the holiday season begins. I look forward to seeing you all!

Hope your Thanksgiving is a reminder of all we enjoy! Blessings to all!!

Nina

Consider Riding the Bus with the HSLBA for HSO Performances 2018-2019. We need a minimum number of riders to keep this program going. For more information, contact Jim Moore at 281-461-3623.



Ride to the HSO Performance



Favorite Masters - Sunday Matinee

1. *Bronfman Plays Prokofiev - September 23, 2018*
2. *The Seven Deadly Sins - November 4, 2018*
3. *Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue - January 6, 2019*
4. *Debussy's La mer - March 10, 2019*
5. *Carmina Burana - March 29, 2019*
6. *Beethoven's Eroica - May 5, 2019*

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

* Bus Ride is \$100 for the 6 concert season or \$20/concert, space 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 more information or to make reservations

Mail Check to Jim Moore
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Make Check payable to HSLBA and in Memo write: HSO Bus Rides



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