



New Member Wine and Cheese Party
August 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Vicki Buxton's Home (Bay Forest)
2206 Cherrytree Ridge Lane
Houston, TX 77062



The purpose of this event is to inspire friends and neighbors to join HSLBA. Members are encouraged to invite and accompany potential new members to the Wine and Cheese event. All HSLBA members are invited and encouraged to attend this event.

Bringing a guest is not a requirement to attend the party. Please RSVP to Ann Morgan no later than August 10.

Our membership Vice President, Ann Morgan, will be sending personalized invitations to prospective members and to local patrons and subscribers of the Houston Symphony.

Please submit names and addresses of the invitees to Ann Morgan (annmorgan2@att.net) or call Ann at 713-594-9499 before August 1. Ann and committee members will send invitations to these prospective members.

The invitation will include your name as the HSLBA member extending the invitation.

Each prospective member who attends the Wine and Cheese party will be warmly greeted by multiple board members. They will hear

enthusiastic descriptions of the memorable music programs provided at our monthly meetings and learn how students benefit from music education programs in local elementary schools and their Houston Symphony experience. We have some delightful/insightful letters to share from some of these students.

Please make every effort to help recruit new members to join HSLBA and plan to attend this important function.

Important dates:

Names and addresses of prospective members – no later than Aug. 1

Your personal RSVP for attending/not attending to Ann – no later than August 10.

Renew Your Membership now.

This is going to be a great new year and we are hoping that all the members will return and even bring some friends along to some of the performances/meetings. With that thought, please send in your membership dues as quickly as possible so that you will be included in the membership directory. That way, we all have your contact information and can share greetings and information. Please fill out the attached form and send your renewals to: Ann Morgan, HSLBA, P. O. Box 57425, Webster, TX 77598. [HSLBA Membership Form](#)

Mark Your Calendar for our Fall Programs!

All Meetings take place at Gloria Dei Church, 18220 Upper Bay, Houston, TX 77058 (Nassau Bay)

September 13 - Jazz Trumpeter Sparky Koerner - 10:30 a.m.

October 11 - Scott Joplin Program with Richard Dowling - 10:30 a.m.

November 7 - Houston Symphony Principal Cellist Brinton Smith - Special Night program at 7:00 p.m.



A Musicological Moment with Martha

I am honored to be your new President! I hope to share my passion for musicology and music history with you in our newsletters. I am excited about the Houston Symphony's Opening Concert, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Featured will be Susan Graham, "America's Favorite Mezzo." I first heard Susan in recital in Houston with Keely Hard, a music major at UH and Susan Graham "superfan." I have to give Keely most of the credit for these fun facts about Susan:

- In 2006, her hometown of Midland Texas declared September 5 "Susan Graham Day"
- Susan studied piano for 13 years and will accompany herself while reading through new scores/refreshing old rep
- She Sang "Bless This House" at Bush's 2nd inauguration in 2005.
- She loves rollerblading and playing tennis
- She once joked that she had to quit playing the pants role of Cherubino (Mozart's Le Nozze de Figaro) because the audience could hear her grunt upon landing after jumping out of the window

Susan is well known for "Pants Roles," that is, a mezzo soprano playing the role of a young man in an opera. Pants roles were originally assigned to male castrato singers and through the years mezzo sopranos have taken on these roles. Susan has had these roles in The Marriage of Figaro, Die Fledermaus, Der Rosenkavalier, to mention a few and her impeccable musicianship as well as acting skills are always a delight. Her beautiful voice will be a treat on opening night at the Houston Symphony. For tickets, [click here](#):

Martha McWilliams, HSLBA President



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