



**Fall Kick Off Program
September 13, 2017
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
18220 Upper Bay, Houston, TX 77058
10:00 a.m. Social Time 10:30 a.m. Program**



Sparky Koerner will kick off our 2017-2018 season with a program of jazz and classical trumpet music.

Those of us who met Sparky at our Wine and Cheese Party are excited about our first program of the season!

Sparky performs in many types of playing ensembles: including being the leader of "Sparky's Jazz Express" and The Galvanized Brass. He has played principle trumpet with the Galveston Symphony Orchestra since 1980 and is a member of Jazz Sunday performing church services around the state of Texas. His trumpet teachers have included George Foss, Leonard Candelaria, John Haynie and Don "Jake" Jacoby.

Sparky received his degrees from Louisiana State University (B.M.) and the University of North Texas (M.M.Ed.).

Sparky is in his 29th year as Director of Instrumental Music / Jazz Studies at College of the Mainland located in Texas City, TX. He also serves as Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at COM. Mr. Koerner was named Outstanding Teacher for 2001. Sparky is a Professor of Music and directs the College of the Mainland Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo and Concert Band and teaches Music Theory as well as private brass lessons.

Wine and Cheese Party



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Thanks to Vicki Buxton for hosting a wonderful New Member Wine and Cheese Party and to Carole Murphy for all the arrangements. We had about 63 in attendance. Vicki is pictured here with Jean Raffetto, new member Terrell McMillan and Betty Geehan.



Donna Jerz, Flute, Alice Steele, violin and Karen Akkerman, cello of the Arcadia Trio delighted guests at the Wine and Cheese Party with their music.



New member Nancy Hudson and Rhee Haun at the New Member Wine and Cheese Party

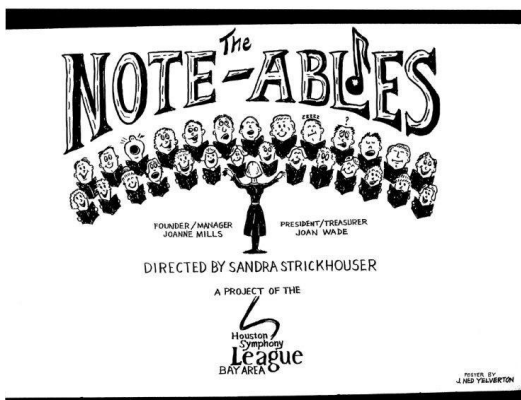
Renew Your Membership now.

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!

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.
All Programs are at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Come Sing with the Note-Ables



A community outreach of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area, The Note-Ables is a choral group that sings for groups all over the Houston area. With music from the "American song bag," the group has sung for local rotary groups and clubs, at retirement centers and at MD Anderson and St. Luke's Hospitals. A love of singing is all that is required to join. Rehearsals are Thursdays starting September 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado, Houston, 77062

A Musicological Moment with Martha

September 22-24, the Houston Symphony Orchestra will be featuring



two symphonies of Robert Schumann (1810-1856). Schumann epitomized the Romantic period of 19th century European music, a period known for expressiveness and painting pictures through music. From a young age Schumann wrote poetry and studied the great German poets of his era. He began his compositional career by composing art songs that were very popular in the 19th century as after-dinner home entertainment as well as in concerts in small salons. His mastery of lyric melody is a common thread through all his music. Schumann had originally hoped to be a concert pianist. I was always taught that he permanently damaged his fourth finger in a contraption designed to improve its strength, but it seems that he suffered from a repetitive motion injury from practicing new technical exercises given to him by his teacher Friedrich Wieck. Schumann married Clara, Wieck's daughter, a renowned concert pianist and composer in her own right.

Clara encouraged Schumann to start writing symphonies after his hand injury dashed his concert pianist aspirations. His first symphony was nicknamed "The Zwickau Symphony," after the town in Saxony where he was born. Although symphonies usually have 4 movements, this symphony only has two and is considered unfinished. HSO will also play Schumann's "Spring Symphony" which is classified as No. 1 even though it is not the first he wrote. This symphony, inspired by Beethoven's style, takes the classical compositional style of the 18th century and combines it with the expressive program music of the 19th century and the result is a beautiful Romantic era symphony. You can ride the HSLBA bus to hear this symphony. Information is below. For tickets, click [here](#).

Martha McWilliams, HSLBA President



Ride to the HSO Performance



Favorite Masters - Sunday Matinee

1. *Andrés Conducts Schuman - September 24, 2017*
2. *Mozart's Jupiter Symphony - October 22, 2017*
3. *Ravel's Daphnis and Chloé - February 4, 2018*
4. *Hilary Hahn Celebrates Bernstein - February 25, 2018*
5. *Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty - April 8, 2018*
6. *Emanuel Ax Plus the Rite of Spring - May 18, 2018*

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.*

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RIYAAZ QAWWALI / Friday, Nov. 3

BUMPER JACKSONS / Thursday, Jan. 11

THE QUEBE SISTERS / Wednesday, Feb. 14

DAILEY AND VINCENT / Wednesday, Feb. 21

MERCURY: ITALIAN BAROQUE MASTERS / Friday, April 13

BRAVE COMBO / Friday, April 27

MERCURY: VIVALDI'S FOUR SEASONS / Sunday, May 13

UHCL Concert Series

UHCL has a great concert series which kicks off with a concert of Bach and classical tango composer Piazzolla on August 31 at the Bayou Theater by the Mercury Orchestra. HSLBA members will be there handing out fliers for our fall programs - a great partnership! For more information click [here](#).

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