



Sparky's back for FEBRUARY 20 Program



Sparky Koerner returns to the Houston Symphony League Bay Area with his “Jazz Express” February 20, 2019, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 18300 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, Texas. This concert was originally scheduled in September, 2018 and had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. The public is invited free of charge. **NOTE THAT THIS IS A 3rd WEDNESDAY FOR FEBRUARY ONLY.**

Sparky Koerner and his “Jazz Express” are one of the most highly respected musical groups in the Galveston / Houston Texas area. They can be heard in restaurants, local clubs, parties, wedding receptions, social gatherings and any occasion where good musical entertainment is desired. They have a wide repertoire of music that can be performed for any occasion. The Sparky's Jazz Express has a great following of listeners who have been known to support Sparky's music no matter where they perform. Sparky's Jazz Express was formed when Sparky moved to Galveston in 1980 to work for the Galveston Arts Center. The group developed a reputation for playing at a professional level. They have been one of Galveston's favorite groups for the Galveston Historical Foundation, The Texas Sea Port Museum, The Lone Star Flight Museum, Haak Vineyard & Winery, The City of Galveston, Texas City Arts Festival and at various University of Texas Medical Branch function over the years. The band performed at the Chelsea Wine Bar entertaining the NASA crowds as a house band during 2009-10. They have also performed at the Kemah Jazz Festival. The “Jazz Express” performed on the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat dock in Galveston during their Dinner/Dance Cruise from 1985-1995. His group will perform a variety of jazz pieces from early Dixieland, Big Band, Latin, Bossa Nova, and others and give a chronological historic perspective of American's own music form – jazz.

St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church is on Upper Bay Road a few blocks from NASA Road 1 just a little way past our previous meeting location.

HSLBA Member Directory 2018-2019

If you click [here](#), you can access the HSLBA Membership Directory for 2018-2019.

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.

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



**Save the Date: April 13-14,
2019 HSLBA Home Tour;
April 12 Pre-Tour Party**

President's Message



Dear Friends,

The duo InFlux, made up of Izumi Miyahara and Emily Klein, played such a delightful program in January. Martha McWilliams has done a great job getting performers for our programs. I hope you'll remember to come to see Sparky's Jazz Express on Wed., Feb. 20th at our regular meeting time--10 is social, and 10:30 the meeting starts.

An important item for you to think about is how you will help with our Home Tour. Our FRIENDS campaign will start at the Feb. 20th meeting when you will be able to honor a person, several people, an event, an organization, etc., by donating \$20/listing. The names will be in our tour book, and it's a nice way for you to let them know how you feel--just by listing their names. The poster

and info will be in the Narthex of St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church.

We look forward to a large crowd to see/hear Sparky on the 20th! Hope you'll be among them.

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

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



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