

Houston Symphony League Bay Area

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HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA MEETING November 12, 10 AM WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BASS-BARITONE TIMOTHY JONES AND PIANIST RUTH TOMFOHRDE TO PERFORM

Ruth Tomfohrde, Professor Emeritus, Moores School of Music, retired in May, 2008. She earned a Bachelor's degree and an Artist Diploma from the Julliard School of Music, studying with Ernest Hutcheson. She studied with Ruth Burr in Houston and with Robert Casadesus in Fontainebleau, France. She has taught at Western Washington University, Bellingham; Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and at the Moores School of Music, University of Houston. In her 32 years in Houston, she has received many awards from the University of Houston and from music teachers' associations. Ruth Tomfohrde has performed as a solo recitalist and soloist with orchestras in the U.S. She has played in ensembles with singers, instrumentalists and pianists for chamber music recitals at Alice Tully Hall and Weiss Hall in New York City and Wigmore Hall in London.



Timothy Jones is Associate Professor of Voice at the Moores School of Music. He graduated with a degree in piano and voice from Centenary College, Shreveport, LA, which is his hometown. He earned a doctorate in voice from the University of Michigan. He is a very active performer in opera, in solo recitals and ensembles on the concert stage, and in chamber music. He made his New York debut in 2000 with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He has performed at many locations in Houston, across Texas, in North and South America and in Europe. A favorite of contemporary composers, Timothy Jones has commissioned and premiered numerous compositions. His versatility and engaging performances in many musical forms have brought him much critical praise.

Lunch with the Artists

You are invited to have lunch with Mrs. Ruth Tomfohrde and Dr. Timothy Jones at the Thai Seafood Restaurant after the November 12th meeting. This is an opportunity to visit with our special guests. The restaurant is located around the corner from the Webster Presbyterian Church on Highway 3. The lunch menu entrees are around \$10.00, and the restaurant will accommodate a large group.

Please call Deanna Lamoreux at 281-488-4459 to make your reservations by Friday, November 7.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear HSLBA members and friends,

This has begun as a challenging 32nd year for the Houston Symphony League Bay Area. I should also say a year of **CHANGE**. The saying goes: “the only constant in life is change,” and it surely is true for HSLBA. Hurricane Ike, in all his savage fury, visited the Clear Lake area on the night of September 12th, changing the lives of many members whose homes were damaged or destroyed. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with them.

The October 8 General Meeting and evening program featuring *The Houston Branch* at the Arts Alliance in Nassau Bay had to be canceled due to much storm damage in the City. However, in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike the Houston Symphony, in partnership with KPRC Channel 2 and Grace Community Church, brought the full orchestra to perform a free concert, *Sounds of Recovery*, dedicated to those affected by the storm and those who supported the relief and recovery efforts. This was a wonderful response to uplift the spirits of the community. Thanks to HSLBA members Mariglyn and Stephen Glenn for hosting a Tailgate Party in the Grace Community Church parking lot prior to the performance.

Members, working all summer on plans for the major fundraiser “**A Day by the Bay**” waterfront Home Tour supporting the CCISD musical enrichment program in 24 elementary schools, have had a temporary setback. Four of the selected five homes received serious flooding, and two will not be rebuilt in time for our March 27-29, 2009 tour. However, on the positive side: two of the affected homeowners are confident their homes will be restored; and the Home Tour Selection Committee is also confident that there will be two beautiful replacement waterfront homes.

A most exciting news flash is that HSLBA has been chosen as a TASO winner in the fundraising category for the 2008 “*A Day by the Bay Home Tour.*” Kudos go to Dana Puddy, Natalie Ong and Cookie Leisenring for their many hours of labor to submit the winning entry.

In closing, please keep a record of your volunteer hours. Your investment is vital to the Houston Symphony when applying for grants, as it indicates the immense monetary value time represents for non-profit organizations.

I look forward to seeing you on November 12th at the Webster Presbyterian Church morning meeting. Let’s “each one bring one” to encourage our friends and neighbors to become new members. And log on to our Web site www.hslba.org for information about our organization.

Joan

HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA NOTE-ABLES

This HSLBA singing group will perform in the Jones Hall lobby at 7 PM, Nov. 1, before the Houston Symphony Rogers and Hammerstein concert. Their program will complement the music of the concert. The Note-Ables will perform another program in the Jones Hall lobby at 7 PM on Dec. 12.



HSL CONCERTO COMPETITION

January 10, 2009 is the date of the annual **Concerto Competition**. This event fosters an opportunity for young musicians to perform before a panel of music professionals. The Houston Symphony League Bay Area awards a \$1000 cash prize to the first place musician.

The Bay Area Symphony League also provides hospitality for judges, musicians, and volunteers on the day of the competition by serving sandwiches and light snacks. Many members have already volunteered to bring food, to help serve, or to transport food to the University of Houston where the event takes place. If you would like to contribute in any way please see any of the committee members: Janet Greenwood, Suzanne Gossett, Polly Hanley, or Doris Macek-Humbach.

"I LOVE MUSIC" RECEIVES GRANTS

HSLBA is the recipient of a generous donation of \$5000 from Target. Target has been a faithful supporter of our "I LOVE MUSIC" In-schools programs. The company's focus is on arts and education in the community, pledging 5% of their earnings to these projects. We also received \$2000 from the City of Webster. They have supported our music education programs for the past 3 years. HSLBA has been presenting In-schools programs for the past 30 plus years, with the help of such generous donors.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to HSLBA.

John Burget
Gordon & Sharon Christman
Regina Flynn
Glynis Hartwig
William & Tencha Heimlich
James & Suzanne Jaax
Shirley Jordan
David & Nancy Kelley
Sue Kevan
Elsie Kraner
Fay Leach
Debbie Lindemann
Barbara Miller
Denise Miller
Patience Myers
Jacqui Smith
Marjorie Therrell
Jo Jo Weinman
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General Meeting
November 12, 2008
Webster Presbyterian Church

Board Meeting
November 17, 2008
Home of Dana Puddy

Memorial Music Education Fund

Houston Symphony League Bay Area has established the Memorial Music Education Fund to accept donations in memory of friends and family members. HSLBA will gratefully accept and acknowledge any contributions. State the name of the person you wish to remember and provide the name and address of the person to receive notification of the contribution.

Make checks payable to HSLBA and send to:

Roberta Liston, Education Treasurer
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If you know of an HSLBA member who has had a serious illness, or death of a spouse or child, please notify Nina McGlashen.