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The purpose of this organization, operating under the auspices of the Houston Symphony society, is to promote quality music education and enrichment programs for area students and to promote music appreciation in the Bay Area through an affiliation with the Houston Symphony and other resources.



February Concert
Thursday, February 2, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA PRESENTS
WINDSYNC

On Thursday, February 2, 2012, after a brief meeting at 7:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay, the HSLBA will present Windsync. This young, fresh, energetic 5-person ensemble, with its unique approach to classical music, has thrilled audiences world-wide for over two years.

Recently returned from New York City, where the musicians presented a showcase of their own style of chamber music, WindSync specializes in creative and engaging interactive performances that inspire audiences of all ages. Houston Public Radio called WindSync "innovative..., unconventional and exciting...." The group has described itself as "a singing, dancing wind band. We have never seen anything like us. You probably haven't either."

This free program, designed for the young-at-heart of any age, will explore the fun, story-telling nature of classical music. It will feature a staged and costumed presentation of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" along with works by Aaron Copland and original works by WindSync.

The 5 members of WindSync include:

Garrett Hudson, flute, who earned his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of British Columbia in 2007 and his Master of Music degree from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music.

Kerry Hughes, oboe, who is currently a doctoral candidate in music at Moores School of Music at the University of Houston.

Ben Haeuser, clarinet, who earned Bachelor of Music degrees in both performance and education from California State University Long Beach and a Master of Music degree from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Always an advocate for music education and outreach, Ben founded the clarinet and saxophone programs at Cincinnati Music Academy. Currently he maintains an active studio in Houston, continuing to educate young musicians and foster an appreciation and love of music.

Tracy Jacobson, bassoon, who studied at Juilliard Pre-College before moving to Houston to pursue a Bachelor of Music degree at Rice. She is dedicated to musical outreach programs, particularly those designed to get both children and adults excited about classical music.

Anni Hochhalter, French horn, who began playing the French horn in 7th grade. She discovered a love of chamber music and educational outreach programs while an undergraduate at the University of Southern California.

Please join the members of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area for this free concert on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:30 and there are no reserved seats. Guests of all ages are welcome.

Since the members of WindSync are all committed to educational enrichment, the group enthusiastically supports the mission of the HSLBA: "...to promote quality music education and enrichment programs...and to promote music appreciation in the Bay Area..."



Houston Symphony League Bay Area (HSLBA2011-2012)

President's Message

Hello,

Since the last newsletter, HSLBA assisted the Houston Symphony League with the Concerto Competition held on January 7th at the University of Houston. Alice Steele and her team did an outstanding job of providing lunch for the volunteers and judges. It was amazing to listen to the talented young people. I don't know how the judges determined who should be the winners! First place winner, Anna Han, piano, is in the 11th grade at Taylor High School in Katy. She will perform with the Houston Symphony at the Educators Concert in January 2013 and the HSLBA March meeting.

Second place winner, Charles Seo, cello, is a 10th grader at HSPVA. He will perform at the Houston Symphony League luncheon May 2 at Houston Country Club.

Andrew Shiau, cello, third place winner, is in the 11th grade at Jersey Village High School, CY Fair ISD.

Our next meeting will be on a Thursday, Feb. 2nd at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The doors will open at 6:30PM and the program will start at 7:00PM. Please invite your neighbors, friends, children and grandchildren. This program will be entertaining and children should enjoy it as much as we do.

The Home Tour project is going along just great. Docent training has started and if you have not signed up to be a docent, please call Nina McGlashan or Dana Puddy. They need your help! Remember that the preview party is on March 23rd and the tour of homes on March 24th-25th. We are considering adding a bus to take interested people to the POPS concerts next year. Deanna Lamoreux will be taking a survey of people that would go on the bus at the next meeting, so please look for her table or give her a call (281-488-4459) if you are interested.

Next year is Hans Graf's farewell season as music director of the Houston Symphony. The conductor will perform his favorite works during the 2012-13 season, so you may want to celebrate with him as season ticket holders for his special programs.

Hope to see you at our evening program on Feb. 2nd!

Glenda Toole
HSLBA President



'A Day by the Bay' Weekend March 23-25, 2012

Pictured left to right: Nina McGlashan General Chair; Pat Brackett, Publicist; Carole Murphy, Pre-tour party; Dana Puddy, House Coordinator; Glenda Toole, President; Patience Myers, advertising/Program book

Nina McGlashan, chair of the upcoming home tour, is delighted with the progress made by the Home Tour Steering Committee.

Joan Wade has helped with the selection of the five houses – all located in Nassau Bay - and **Dana Puddy**, House Coordinator, has recruited all the house chairs:

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| House #1 | Vickie Buxton and Joan Wade |
| House #2 | Ellen Lancaster and Diane McLaughlin |
| House #3 | Elaine Renola and Catherine Jennische |
| House #4 | Sonya Markam and Jan Millican Fountain |

They are now in the process of visiting their homes. **Pat Bertelli** will write the descriptions for the program book and the chairmen will develop their tour plan to see how many docents will be required. It's estimated that 160 docents are needed. Plan to volunteer. You are needed! Bring a friend.

Patience Myers is in charge of the program book advertising. If every member sold one ad, we could reach our goal of \$6,700. Help if you can! Patience says, "If asking for an ad is something you just can't do: okay. But if you have a suggestion, call me and I'll make the contact."

The ad book and the Pre-Tour Party bring in the most money.

The Friday night party, chaired by **Carole Murphy**, is in a spacious home setting with a good indoor/outdoor flow. Expect an abundance of tasty hors d'oeuvres with wine donated by Ralston Liquors. The Culinary Department of The Art Institute of Houston will again supply a sumptuous cake. **Carol Barwick** and **Sue Smith** will provide piano music. Just over 100 attended the 2010 party. A sell out is expected again.

Alberta Rohlfing is our ticket chairman. We hope all members will purchase a ticket, but Alberta is eager for members to accept a packet of ten tickets to sell to friends and neighbors. Please contact her at 281-480-370 or arohlf@hal-pc.org.

If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact members of the steering committee: General Chair **Nina McGlashan**, Co-Chair **Pat Biddle**, Pre-Tour Party **Carol Murphy**,

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THURSDAY, February 2, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church chapel

Board Meeting
February 13, 2012
9:30 coffee and 10:00 a.m. meeting
Bay Area Community Center

Memorial Music Education Fund

Houston Symphony League Bay Area has established the Memorial Music 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:

If you know of an HSLBA member who has had a serious illness, or death of a spouse or child, please notify Doris Macek-Humbach at 281-996-0671 or dmacek@flash.net.

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