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**Houston Symphony League Bay Area General Meeting
November 11, 2009 10:00 AM**



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
18220 Upper Bay Road
Nassau Bay, Texas

Jeffrey Grass (trumpet) attended the University of Illinois and the University of Nebraska, where he was the graduate teaching assistant. Jeff was principal trumpet with the American Wind Symphony, Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional del Ecuador, and New York Harlem Opera Ensemble's 1980-81 European tour of Porgy and Bess. Jeff was a member of the Orquesta Filarmónica de la Ciudad de México prior to moving to Houston where he was a founding member of the PBE. He has performed with the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Houston Ballet, Gilbert and Sullivan Society, J.S. Bach Society and Theater Under the Stars.

Thomas Hultén (trombone), originally from Sweden, has performed with the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Houston Ballet Orchestra, Opera in the Heights, Ray Charles, Natalie Cole, Barry Manilow, Michael Bolton, the Moody Blues, the Temptations, the Four Tops, the O'Jays, and the Jim Cullum Jazz Band. A member of the Woodlands Symphony and the Paragon Brass Ensemble, he has been featured at the Texas Jazz Festival with his own group and is in demand in the Houston area as a performer and arranger.

Will Samson (tuba), originally from Appleton, WI, is an active freelance musician in the Houston area. He has performed with the Houston Symphony and the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra. Will holds degrees from Lawrence University and Rice University. His teachers include David Kirk, Marty Erickson, Charles Guy, and David Stull.

Thomas Tillotson (trumpet) is originally from Teague, Texas. He has played with the Paragon Brass Ensemble since its inception, first as a regular substitute and since 1992 as a fulltime member. Tom came to Houston to attend Rice University's Shepherd School of Music where he received his degree in trumpet performance. While there he studied with Mack Guderian, Charles Geyer, and John DeWitt. Tom has performed with the Houston Symphony Orchestra, Houston Grand Opera, Theater Under the Stars, J.S. Bach Society, Gilbert and Sullivan Society, and the Woodlands Symphony. Tom is adjunct professor of trumpet at North Harris College and teaches privately.

Kevin McIntyre (horn) received the Bachelor of Music degree from McNeese State University in 1988. He received his Master of Music degree from Northwestern University in 1990 where he was a student of Dale Clevenger, principal horn of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Kevin has performed extensively in Europe and Japan as well as the U.S. He is principal horn for Theater Under the Stars and performs regularly with the Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet and the Houston Symphony Orchestra. Kevin joined the PBE in 1996. He is on the faculty of Houston Community College and Houston Baptist University.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES



The holiday season is rapidly approaching and our November meeting is the last one in 2009. The meeting is on November 11, which is Veterans' Day. We will commemorate that day with the Note-Ables providing a program of patriotic music. Also performing will be the Paragon Brass. They participate in our music education program with the elementary school children in CCISD and they will make this a special meeting for us. Bring a friend and introduce them to HSLBA while you enjoy the wonderful music program.

The Steering Committee for the 10th annual "A Day by the Bay" Home Tour has dedicated the 2010 event to the memory of Emyre Robinson, a long time member and past president of HSLBA. The committee is working hard planning the home tour and it will take at least 100 volunteers to make it successful. Please consider volunteering to be a docent on Saturday, March 27, 2010 or Sunday, March 28, 2010. This is a very important event for our organization as it raises money to support our music enrichment programs with CCISD elementary schools.

Have you checked out our website? You can go to www.HSLBA.org and get all of the information about our activities during the year plus our newsletter each month. It also has the Houston Symphony information, including the schedule of all performances.

In the past few years we have seen a decline in our membership and as a result our dues are barely covering the activities of our organization. We have been investigating ways to cut our expenses and have learned that many other organizations, facing similar problems, have started sending their newsletter to members electronically over the internet. Our newsletter is currently available on our website but we also send it out in the mail. The cost for doing this is close to \$150 per month (\$1200 per year). The cost includes printing, stamps and mailing labels. In addition, we have volunteers hours associated with getting the newsletter ready for mailing. The HSLBA Board has been discussing electronic newsletters as one option to reduce our costs. We realize a small number of our members do not have computers and we must have a plan to provide the newsletter to you. A final decision has not been made regarding this and we would appreciate membership feedback before we make that decision. Please send your comments to me at vyherring@hotmail.com or call me at 281-280-8557.

This is our last meeting until January 13. I know all of you will be very busy preparing for the holidays and I wish you the very best as we wind down 2009 and get ready for the New Year.

Yvonne Herring

The Note-Ables

The Note-Ables, a project of the HSLBA, was organized in 2001 by former President, Jo Anne Mills. With just eleven singers, led by Nancy Hoover, their first performance was for the Clear Lake Women of Rotary. Since then, the group has grown to twenty-five singers who have been enthusiastically welcomed in the community, as well as being asked to perform at the Wortham Center in Houston.

The Note-Ables Director is Carol Barwick, whose background is in choral direction and leadership. Carol will lead the group in some patriotic songs at the end of the Paragon Brass November program.

HOME TOUR

'A Day by the Bay' Home Tour Weekend - March 26-28, 2010

Home Tour 2010 marks the 10th anniversary of our tour. All of this year's homes are on Galveston Bay, including the Pre-Tour Party.

It's a special anniversary and HSLBA wants to take the opportunity to celebrate a special lady, Emyre Barrios Robinson, who was fatally injured in a car accident on July 21, 2009. Emyre, one of the founders of Barrios Technology, embraced our entire Clear Lake community, serving on countless boards and committees. We were fortunate to have her as HSLBA's 2004-2005 President, increasing our membership to its highest level ever. Emyre worked in development raising money to aid our mission of music education in CCISD's elementary schools, and she had great fun as narrator of our puppeteers -- in Spanish and English. We miss her.

Although actual tickets will not be available until the February meeting, attractive certificates for two tickets will be on sale at the November meeting. These make wonderful Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers and cost \$30.

Ad Book Sales Chair, Patience Myers, will be asking members to approach businesses they deal with for advertising. Prices have not increased. A basic business card ad is still \$75. Informational packets will be available at the membership counter.

House Coordinator Diane McLaughlin has already secured all the chairs and co-chairs required for the houses. They are Margaret Briggs, Debbie Culp, Deborah Gorenstein, Jean Gray, Polly Hanley, Ruth Leach, Sonya Markham, Elaine Renola, and Marjorie Therrell. These House Chairs are accepting volunteers. Sign up to work now.

The General Chairperson of the event is Dana Puddy with Natalie Ong serving at her co-chair. Other members of the Steering Committee are: Elaine Stoermer, Assistant Co-Chair; Joan Wade, House Search Committee; Pat Biddle, Pre-Tour Party Chair; Diane McLaughlin, House Coordinator; Patience Myers, Advertising Sales; Pat Brackett, Publicity; Jean Raffeto, Ticket Sales; and Yvonne Herring and Deanna Lamoreux, ex-officio.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the January newsletter are due on December 27.

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General Meeting

November 11, 2009
10 am
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Board Meeting

November 16, 2009
9:30 am
Freeman Library
Clear Lake City

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
126 Bristol Bend Lane
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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 Suzanne Jaax.