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# HOUSTON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BAY AREA

Linda Coney, Editor

September 2009

## Houston Symphony League Bay Area General Meeting

September 9, 2009 10:00 AM

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



### The Rob Landes Trio

Many of you enjoyed hearing Rob Landes perform at the May meeting. He is in high demand for his piano performances and has played in the United States and abroad with famous stars. Rob Landes has been the Organist/Artist in Residence at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston since 1996. He plays the church organ, writes music for the choirs, and performs organ and piano concerts at St. Luke's and around the country. He began studying piano at age three and made his debut on the Art Linkletter House Party show at age four. In the late sixties, he was the keyboardist with the nationally known rock group "Fever Tree." He has played the organ at several churches, and during these years he has been an active composer and performer of church and secular music. Landes has played at Notre Dame Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. He has performed throughout the world with Liza Minnelli and Marilyn Mayes. He has conducted the Count Basie Orchestra and the Buddy Rich Band in concert.

Bob McGrew, the drummer for the Rob Landes Trio, was born in Oklahoma in 1944 and began his professional career in 1963 after high school. He attended North Texas State University for one year and performed in night clubs until 1975 and joined the Rob Landes trio shortly thereafter. He was elected to the Musicians Union Board in 1979 and has been their Secretary-Treasurer to date. He is currently serving his second term as Executive Officer for the American Federation of Musicians US/Canada. He is married with one grown child.

Joe Medina is a native Houstonian and has been playing professionally since the age of twelve. Between that time and now, Joe has played in many different venues, including show bands, at the Shamrock Hotel and Cork Club, jazz venues, TUTS, "on-the-road" for seven years, including a period with Andy Williams, and with Rob Landes playing for Marilyn Maye. Medina has been playing with the Rob Landes Trio for over ten years.



## ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES***

Welcome back to our new and returning members. After a long hot summer, I am looking forward to cooler weather with some beautiful music as HSLBA starts our 33rd year. During the summer, many of you have been working to insure that we have a successful year and that we will have wonderful programs to present to our members.

Our membership Vice-President, Glenda Toole and Sherry Straight, Event Organizer, were busy arranging a Wine and Cheese Party for prospective new members. That event was held at the lovely home of Victoria Wendling on August 18. It was a very successful party with seven new members joining HSLBA.

Our Arrangements Chairs, Dana Puddy and Alberta Rohlfing have set all of our day meetings, except May, to be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month and will start with a social time at 10:00 a.m. and the General Meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. Nina McGlashan has wonderful programs lined up for us during our 2009-2010 season. On September 9, we begin the season with the Rob Landes Trio, October 14 will feature Shepherd School of Music students, then our November 11 meeting will have performances by the Classical Grass Duo and our own Note-Ables will present a Patriotic Tribute.

We will start the new year, 2010, on January 13 with Four Hands-One Piano.

February 10, will be our only night meeting and it will be held at Bay Oaks Country Club at 7:00 p.m. Performing that evening will be Fidelis String Quartet from the Houston Symphony. Our March program features the Concerto Competition Winner and at our April meeting we will hear the Ima Hogg Concerto Competition 3rd place winner and People's Choice Winner, Jeewon Lee, play the piano. We will wrap up our year in May with a 10:00 a.m. meeting at Bay Oaks Country Club. We will hear an outstanding performance by Susan McDonald playing guitar. The May meeting will be followed by a luncheon at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Dana Puddy and her Steering Committee are busy planning our 10th annual "A Day by the Bay" home tour weekend. It will start with the Preview Party on Friday March 26 and the Home Tours will be held on March 27 and 28. This fundraiser enables us to continue providing outstanding musical programs to area school children. I hope you will sign up as a docent at one of the homes. It is a fun to see the homes and greet all of the people who are making the tour.

I am honored to serve as your president for the coming year and I am looking forward to working with all of our members to make this a successful and fun year.

*Yvonne Herring, President*

## IMA HOGG COMPETITION

First I would like to thank all that helped with the food and those who worked on the day of the competition. This organization sure has some special women, always willing to help. I cannot say how much I appreciate you volunteering.

The Ima Hogg Competition was another success this year and the orchestra members expressed that this was the most talented group of musicians we have had. The competitors were certainly well accompanied by a very enthusiastic orchestra. This venue is so much better than in the past when each participant had a single accompanist. Romie Deguise-Langlois won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize on the clarinet. Second prize was given to He-Young Lim playing the cello. Pianist Jeewon Lee won both the audience choice and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. She lives here in Houston and has consented to do a program for us in the spring. Violinist Gao Can won 4<sup>th</sup> prize. The winner played at the Dollar Concert on July 12. I hope that all of those who volunteered to help were able to attend and enjoyed the reception given in your honor.

I would also like to put on another "hat" and as nominating chairman, ask you to call me with suggestions for people who would be interested in serving as an elected officer of our board.

Diane McLaughlin

## Membership Directories

Directories for 2009-2010 will be available at the September 9th meeting for those that have renewed their membership for this coming year. Anyone wishing to renew at the meeting, may bring their check and their names will appear in the addendum.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Emyre Robinson*

*Kurt Liebenthal*  
(husband of Edith Liebenthal)

*Jeanette Chauvin*

## PROPOSED HSLBA BYLAW CHANGE

THAT THE HSLBA IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

This bylaws amendment motion was approved by the HSLBA Board at the April 13, 2009 meeting and will be presented to the membership of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area for a vote at the September 9, 2009 general meeting.



## PUPPETEER TRAINING

The puppeteer training originally scheduled for Friday, August 28 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 17. It will be held at 10:00 AM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in an upstairs class room. For more information, contact Pam (281-538-1855) or Pat (281-488-1855).

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the October newsletter are due on October 1 or at the Board meeting prior to the October meeting.

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**General Meeting**  
October 14, 2009  
10 am  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

**Board Meeting**  
September 14, 2009  
9:30 am  
Home of Yvonne Herring

## 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.