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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.*

**SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING AT GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
10 A.M.  
FEATURES A TRIO FROM**

**ROCO**

**The Most Fun you can have with Serious Music!**

A trio from the 40 member River Oaks Chamber Orchestra will perform at our September 8 meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. ROCO is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 all-star musicians, distinguished guest conductors and composers who come together from all over the world to present engaging performances of classical and original compositions.



Alecia Lawyer, Oboe, is originally from Paris, Texas and began playing oboe in 5th grade in her Dad's beginning band program. She has a Master's Degree from the Juilliard School of Music and her life now is "pretty much my family with my two boys and ROCO, raising money, working on collaborations, telling the world and everyone I meet about it, driving my ROCOMobile down the street with my ROCO plates on it." She also volunteers at St. John the Divine and at River Oaks Baptist and St. Johns schools. For more information [www.facebook.com/people/Alecia-Lawyer/767881101](http://www.facebook.com/people/Alecia-Lawyer/767881101).

Jennifer Keeney, Flute and Piccolo, is originally from Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She began playing the flute at the age of 12 in a public school music program. She is the Affiliate Artist of Flute at the University of Houston, Moores School of Music. Her teaching and playing reflect her joyful, creative and dynamic approach to music. Ms. Keeney uses these strengths to create a vibrant, supportive flute community at the Moores School of Music and wherever she is teaching and performing. Currently the Second Flute/Piccolo with the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra and a founding member of Trio Angelico, she performs as a soloist and chamber musician through Houston, the United States and Japan. For more information, please visit [www.jenniferkeeney.com](http://www.jenniferkeeney.com); [www.twitter.com/creativeflutist](http://www.twitter.com/creativeflutist); and [www.facebook.com/jennifer.keeney3](http://www.facebook.com/jennifer.keeney3)



Shino Hayashi, Cello, is originally from Okaya, Japan. She started playing cello when she was 5 years old because both of her older brothers were already playing cello. She attended the Toho Gakuen School of Music in Tokyo Japan, where she received her Bachelor's Degree. She received an Artist Certificate from Southern Methodist University and a Masters degree from the University of Houston Moores School of Music. An avid chamber musician, Hayashi was a prize winner in the Ninth Annual Japan Chamber music competition and a recipient of the Ishikawa Music Academy Award. She regularly appears throughout Japan with acclaimed blind violinist Takayoshi Wanami and is a teaching assistant at his summer seminars for violin and chamber music. In Houston, she has also been a guest on faculty recitals at the Moores School of Music, the Texas Music Festival and with the KUHf Chamber Ensemble at the Menil Collection Museum.



## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

*Deanna Lamoreux*

Welcome to another exciting year of music with friends. The tradition of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area meetings is the second Wednesday at 10 AM—every month of the school year except December. We gather in the foyer at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay to enjoy visiting with new and old friends, and then we find the best seat in the chapel to see and hear the finest musicians of Houston. Following our September meeting, we have lunch reservations at Villa Capri on Clear Lake. Lunch is a salad and Italian buffet and beverage for \$11. Come, share a meal and music conversation with friends.

Thirty-five years ago, close friends, Fran Strong and Selma Neumann, met to realize the dream of a Houston Symphony League group in the Bay Area. Many changes have occurred since that fateful October day in their living room, but the mission of HSLBA is the same —

**“promoting quality music education and enrichment programs for area students, and promoting music appreciation in the Bay Area through our affiliation with the Houston Symphony.”**

This year's emphasis is to make HSLBA a name that will just fall from our lips when we speak of beautiful music. Past-president and thespian, Shirley Wettling actively campaigned for our name— HSLBA. Shirley says it with such ease that she will teach us how to say HSLBA at our next meeting!

Already, the 2010-11 season has with a membership event at the home of generous hosts, Maurita and Bob Gallagher. Pat Biddle, Membership Vice-President worked on every detail to make it a memorable party of food, flowers, and friends and new members. Dawson White, a master's student at Shepherd School of Music, played beautiful violin music throughout the evening. Pat was assisted by her husband Ron Kahl and Program Vice President Nina McGlashan.

The Board is set to revitalize the membership by increasing it to past glory—300 members! Please bring your friends to our first meeting on September 8 to hear the beautiful music from a trio from the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra. Bringing a guest will get yours and your guest names in the hat for a drawing for two Houston Symphony tickets - a pops or a classical music concert. Membership dues underwrite the HSLBA programs. Nina McGlashan, Program Vice-President has confirmed a great variety of music performances this season. This is Nina's second year to plan programs because she enjoys the planning as much as we enjoy the musical programs.

At the September 8 meeting, Isabel Konradi, Education Vice President, will introduce us to the new HSLBA puppets -- the main performers of the first grad programs in Clear Creek elementary schools. Patience Myers, Communications Vice-President enjoyed every moment in planning and designing the new HSLBA brochure featuring Maestro, The Magnificent and his friends, that will be out in the Bay Area soon. We can pass it along to our friends, neighbors, and co-workers to tell everyone about HSLBA.

All of these wonderful activities and events are supported through the efforts and talents of Carole Murphy, Finance Vice-President and Robert Liston, Education Fund Manager. They are zealous in overseeing the accounting of all these activities.

For the best sounds of music, the Houston Symphony Shell Series season ticket holders will attend Houston Symphony concerts beginning in October. Victoria Wendling is ever-enthusiastic about making these arrangements for the bus to arrive at Jones Hall in time for the Sunday afternoon lecture and concert.

The *Homes By The Bay Home Tour* is on sabbatical. Like our first presidents, Fran and Selma, we will be hosting musical events in the living rooms of the beautiful and unique homes of the Bay Area. More information will be forthcoming from Patience Myers, Communications Vice-President.

### **Information about Publicity Releases and Publications from HSLBA**

To accurately document our communication and to avoid duplication, I am requesting that all press releases, articles, brochures, etc. from and about HSLBA, be channeled through Patience Myers, Communications Vice-President and myself.

I look forward to an outstanding year of music with all your support Thank you!

## PUPPET TRAINING



Puppet training will be Thursday, September 16, 10 am to Noon in Gloria Dei classroom 210. Access to the second floor is via elevator located to the left of the entry to Gloria Dei from the rear parking lot. Please come to this workshop to use our very nice, new hand puppets. Maestro, especially, is different, with arms which are controlled by rods. We are looking forward to a fine season of elementary school puppet shows.

The puppeteers need a larger rolling suitcase to transport the new, larger puppets to the elementary schools. The suitcase which we have is 13" x 21" x 7". Will members please check their unused luggage to see if they can donate the next larger size case to the puppeteers? If you can help us, call Isabel Konradi, 281-326-0578.

Thanks to Pam Culpepper of J Pamela Photography for our puppets' first school picture. Her work is a gift to all of us.

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## OUR MAGIC BUS RIDES AGAIN! YOU BE SURE TO BE THERE!

*Victoria Wendling*

The Jones Hall Bus leaves the Bay Area Park and Ride, 801 Bay Area Boulevard, six Sunday afternoons during the year. We voted last year to attend the Shell Favorite Masters series:

Joshua Bell's Mendelssohn, October 3, 2010

Pictures at An Exhibition, November 28, 2010

Tchaikovsky's Winter Daydream, January 16, 2011

Ravel's Spain with Bolero, February 13, 2011

Scheherazade, April 10, 2011

Exploring Mahler 10, May 15, 2011

The cost for all six rides is \$75.00 or you can ride the bus once or twice if space is available. For more information call Victoria at 281-554-7012.

We leave the Park & Ride promptly at 1:00 pm and return about 5:30 or 6:00 pm. We get to Jones Hall in time for the pre-performance lecture. You can buy the series or you can plan to pick up a ticket at the box office when we arrive.

The bus is a convenient and fun way to get to Jones Hall with other "delightful and enthusiastic music lovers! If you have friends who might be interested in joining you, membership in the League is not necessary. This is a service the League provides our community, and it is a way to bring people from our community to the Houston Symphony. Sign up at our first meeting.

## Explorer Concerts — Calling All Ushers!

From Route 66 to the Rio Grande, from Palo Duro Canyon to the Guadalupe Mountains, the Houston Symphony's 2010 Explorer Concerts will explore the geography of Texas.

The Explorer series is for upper elementary—middle school grades. Designed to support the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the concerts support the social studies curriculum while showcasing the wonders of classical music. *Lone Star Landscapes* will explore music that describes the geography of our great state, from deep in its heart down to the Gulf Coast. The program will include works by Smetana, Copland, Grofe, Dvorak, Wagner and Mussorgsky. The Symphony's Associate Conductor, Robert Franz, will lead the Explorer concerts.

Volunteers are needed as ushers for these performances. League members greet arriving school buses and escort the students to their seats, then assist with the bus re-load following the concerts. All Clear Creek ISD 5th graders attend the concerts, which are schedule on the following dates:

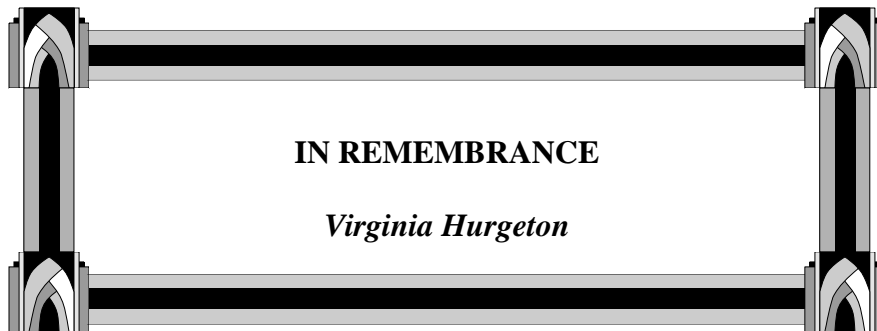
Tuesday, November 9	9:30 and 11:15
Wednesday, November 10	9:30 and 11:15
Friday, November 12	9:30 and 11:15
Wednesday, February 16	9:30 and 11:15

Fifteen ushers are preferred for each day, so many volunteers are needed. Ushers should arrive one hour before the concerts to receive their day's assignments. Training is provided on-the-spot for newcomers, and ushers are invited to attend the concert once schools are seated.

If you are interested in helping out with this fun, worthwhile education activity, call Usher Chairman Beth Wray at 713-622-0389. For more information, call the Symphony Education office at 713-238-1447 or 238-1449.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As a result of the resignation of Victoria Wendling, who is moving to Austin, the Nominating Committee convened and discussed the possible candidates to replace her. We were fortunate to get a positive reply from Glenda Toole, who now stands nominated for President Elect. Suzanne Jaax has consented to be nominated to replace Glenda Toole as Recording Secretary. We are excited to have two such qualified people to step up to the positions. There will be an announcement at the September meeting and a request for the approval of these nominees.  
Diana McLaughlin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee



*The Houston Branch  
In concert  
November 9 7 p.m.*

*Bob Dorough, pianist, composer (School House Rock)  
Aralee Dorough, principal flutist, Houston Symphony  
Colin Gatwood, oboist, Houston Symphony  
Larry Siezak, saxophonist  
Joel Fulgham, drummer*

This is a special evening of music to reach the Bay Area community with quality programming by the Houston Symphony League Bay Area. Bob Dorough is well known throughout the United States for his compositions. A documentary about Bob Dorough, his life and his music is soon to be released. The Houston Branch will perform at The University of Houston Moores School of Music the weekend before their performance at the Arts Alliance Center in Nassau Bay.

Admission is \$20.00 for non-members and \$10.00 for HSLBA and JSC Horizon Club Members. A cash wine bar and light refreshments will be available.

This program is partially underwritten by JSC Federal Credit Union. Members are invited to help in underwriting this program. Donors will be noted in the evening's program.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS**

*Patience Myers* came to Texas from Vancouver to enjoy the warmth of Texas and Texans. She has been very busy working to promote HSLBA, even when she was vacationing in Vancouver this summer. She is putting out the word for HSLBA with her new business cards as the representative to the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce and is working with Jane, Jim and Allison Sweeney at Minuteman Press for all our printed materials this year. She is also designing an HSLBA bumper sticker to get THE WORD out in traffic. Articles are already in newspapers and neighborhood newsletters that Patience is releasing weekly. Look for an article in Rick Clapp's colorful Bay Area Houston magazine in the Fall.

*Linda Coney*, newsletter editor, received her Bachelor's degree in Music from the University of Texas and has taught piano for 38 years in her studio in League City, where she lives with her husband, Steve. They have two grown children and three grandchildren. Both of her children were active in orchestra in the Clear Creek School District and studied music through college. Now, Linda enjoys having her grandchildren studying piano with her. She is very happy to have discovered a new passion—pottery, and spends most days throwing pots in the morning and teaching piano in the afternoon.

#### **Thank you Notes:**

To *Victoria Wendling* for active and enthusiastic membership. We will miss you upon your move to Austin, but will always remember your generosity, service and friendship.

To *J Pamela Photography* for Maestro The Magnificent and Puppet friends first school picture. These pictures have already been printed in our new brochure.

To *Anne Yannie* for the beautiful floral arrangements at the Membership Wine & Cheese Party.

To *Maurita & Bob Gallagher* for hosting the Wine & Cheese Party in their home.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE DONORS AND ADVERTISERS WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY  
TO THE HSLBA IN THE SPRING OF 2010.**

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<p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>                  Articles for the October newsletter are due on or before October 1.</p> <p align="center"><b>Linda Coney</b>                  2117 Victoria Ct.                  League City, TX 77573                  281-332-2087                  lbconey@comcast.net</p>	<p align="center"><b>General Meeting</b>                  September 8, 2010                  10 am Gloria Dei Lutheran Church</p> <p align="center"><b>Board Meeting</b>                  Monday, September 13, 2010                  10 a.m. Home of Nina McGlashan</p>
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**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:

Roberta Liston, Education Treasurer  
 126 Bristol Bend Lane  
 Dickinson, Texas 77536

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