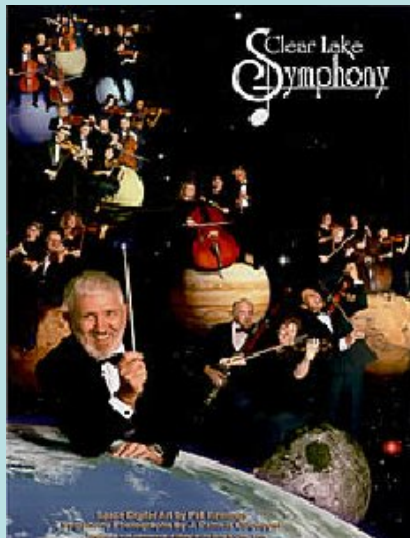


2010 - 2011 Season

The Clear Lake Symphony celebrated its 35th season in the fall of 2010. There are six regular season performances including the Christmas "Pops" featuring various classical selections and guest soloists. Concerts will be held either at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Auditorium, 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay or at University of Houston, Clear Lake Bayou Building Auditorium. See concert dates for location.



Reminder: All concerts will be on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For a list of all the season concerts, please click on the following link:

www.ClearLakeSymphony.org

The Clear Lake Symphony will be performing the fifth in their 2010-2011 concert series on Friday, March 18, 2011 at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Auditorium located at 18220 Upper Bay Road across from NASA Johnson Space Center. Celebrating their 35th season, the Orchestra will perform Wagner's *Tannhauser Overture*. The remainder of the concert will feature the six winners of the 2011 annual Youth Concerto Competition, who will each perform a solo on their instrument accompanied by the orchestra.

Clear Lake Symphony

Program March 18, 2011

<i>Tannhauser Overture</i>	Wagner
<i>Piano Concerto No. 17 in G, K453, 1st mvt.</i> Patrick Pan, piano Co-Winner, Junior Piano Division	Mozart
<i>Piano Concerto No. 1 in C, Op. 15, 1st mvt.</i> Daniel Whatley, piano Co-Winner, Junior Piano Division	Beethoven
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<i>Sonata for Flute, 2nd & 3rd mvts.</i> Cameron Hillebrand, flute Winner, Junior Wind Division	Poulenc
<i>Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21, 1st mvt.</i> Melissa Du, violin Winner, Junior String Division	Lalo
<i>Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85, 1st & 2nd mvts.</i> Andrew Shiau, cello Co-Winner, Senior String Division	Elgar
<i>Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85, 4th mvt.</i> Charles Seo, cello Co-Winner, Senior String Division	Elgar

Dr. Charles A. Johnson
Conductor and Musical Director

Steinway is the official piano of the Clear Lake Symphony

Concert Tickets are available from Eye Trends, 515 Bay Area Blvd., Suite 300 (next door to Starbucks). Phone number: 281-488-0066. Individual are: \$10 adults, \$8 senior citizens (age 55 & up) & \$7 students. Tickets are also available at the concert ticket table the night of the concert.

Clear Lake Symphony

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*Fred and Nancy Forshey of
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for providing the beautiful Steinway piano for
the Youth Concerto Competition and for the March 18th performance.

March 18, 2011 Program Notes

Tannhauser Overture by Richard Wagner (1813-1883). Though Wagner is universally known as a composer, he also considered himself - as the author of the librettos for all of his operas, a huge autobiography and an avalanche of theoretical and philosophical tracts voluminous enough to literally fill a shelf - a poet and a man of letters. The sources of inspiration for his librettos were invariably the history and myths of Germany, and during a vacation in the early summer of 1842 at the northern Bohemian town of Teplitz, he devoured a wide variety of 19th century retellings of the ancient tales of the legendary medieval singing contests in search of an operatic subject. The accounts of ancient story tellers told of a mythical character called Tannhauser who succumbed to the seductions of Venus in her mountain enclave and sought forgiveness through a pilgrimage to Rome and the love of a pure woman. Before he left Teplitz, Wagner had sketched an operatic scenario from these sources, and the following spring worked it into a full libretto. The three acts of the opera were composed in 1844, while he was conductor of the Royal Opera House in Dresden; the orchestration was completed on April 15, 1845. Wagner directed the work's premiere in Dresden on October 19, 1845. *Tannhauser* proved to be a success. It was repeated in Dresden with some revisions to clarify its dramatic structure, in 1846 and 1847, and was introduced into the repertoires of the major European opera houses over the next decade. *Tannhauser* was the first of Wagner's operas to be staged in America (April 4, 1859 at the Stadt Theatre in New York; the Overture was played here as early as 1853, in Boston.)

---- from Program Notes by Dr. Richard E. Rodda, Springfield Symphony Orchestra "gem".

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wishes to express our special appreciation to the

George and Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation

for underwriting the January 2011 Youth Concerto Competition and
the March 2011 Concert featuring the Competition winners.

2011 Youth Concerto Competition Winners

The Clear Lake Symphony held a competition on January 8, 2011 for young artists from Houston Metro area high schools, junior highs, and elementary schools. The Youth Concerto Competition winners will be provided with a scholarship and perform as a featured soloist with the Clear Lake Symphony at the March 18, 2011 concert. Thirty four (34) participants participated in this year's competition.

Junior Wind Division

Cameron Hildebrand (Flute) Winner, "Sonata for Flute, 2nd & 3rd mvts.", by Poulenc. Age 14 in the 8th grade and is home schooled. Son of Timothy & Susan Hildebrand, Cameron has studied flute for 3 years. Teacher: Norma Williams. Cameron plays in the Bay Area Youth Symphony and the Pearland Community Band. He enjoys tennis, ping-pong and canoeing. Cameron is active in his church's youth group. Cameron participates in flute ensembles coordinated by his music teacher, Norma Williams.



Musical Achievements:

- Honorable Mention, Ensemble - Flute Festival (2010)
- 1st Chair, Stars and Stripes Band (2010)
- 2nd Chair, Region Band (2010)

Honorable Mention*

Ayman Abouleish (Trumpet), "*Trumpet Concerto*" by Arutunian. Music teacher: Roman Jakubas.

Senior Wind Division

No scholarship awarded.

No Honorable Mention*

Junior Piano Division

Patrick Pan (Piano) Co-Winner, "*Piano Concerto No. 17 in G, K453, 1st mvt.*" by Mozart. Age 12, graduated from Westbrook Intermediate School in May 2010. Son of Dr. and Mrs. Y.S. Pan. Patrick is pursuing his interests in science, music, math and computer science as a homeschooled student. He plans to attend Clear Lake High School in the fall of 2011. Patrick started playing piano at three and violin at seven. Music Teachers: John Weems (piano) and Henry Rubin (violin).

In addition to music, Patrick's academic achievements include: First Place and Grand Prize of the Houston Regional Science Fair and the 2010 Texas State MATHCOUNTS Championship. He finished many AP courses like Calculus and represented the USA at the 2010 World Mathematics Team Championship. Patrick also won the Saving Texas History essay contest in 2009. He founded his school's computer club and enjoys computer programming. He enjoys continually enhancing his computer and helping others with their computer issues.

Patrick participates in the Board of Directors of Houston Medical Museum and studies genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. He plans to become a geneticist and study law. Duke University's Talent Identification Program has published two articles on Patrick's academic pursuits. He plays tennis and enjoys chess (State Prize) and writing applications for his cell phone.

Musical Achievements:

- 1st Place, Houston Forum Young Artist Piano Competition (2006, 2007, 2009)
- Houston Young Artist (Piano), HYAC (2009 - 2010, 2011 - 2012 seasons)
- 1st Violin, Regional Orchestra (2007- 2011)
- Concertmaster, Houston Youth Symphony, Sinfonietta Orchestra (2008-2010)
- Top Level of TMEA All-State Orchestra (2011)
- 1st Place - Junior Strings, Clear Lake Symphony Concerto Competition (2009)
- 1st Place (Violin) - Houston Youth Symphony Concerto Competition (2011)
- 1st Place Co-Winner (Piano) - Fort Bend Concerto Competition (2011)



Junior Piano Division

Daniel Whatley (Piano) Co-Winner, "*Piano Concerto No.1 in C, op. 15, 1st mvt.*" by Beethoven. Age 11 in the 5h grade and is home schooled. Son of Bill and Jingda Whatley. Daniel studied piano for 6 years. Music Teacher: D. Darius Pawlas. Daniel used his music talent to help others by participating as one of the organizers and performers of a fundraising concert for the Hurricane Morakot victims in Southeast Asia in 2009. He loves math and practices tennis. He is presently in the US Tennis Association in which he is the Tennis Champion in the 12 and under category.



Musical Achievements:

- Silver Medalist, HMTA Concerto Competition (2009 & 2010)
- Silver Medalist, Elementary Category, 6th Houston International Chopin Competition (2009)
- Gold Medalist, Kahan Child Piano Prodigies Competition (2009)

Honorable Mention*

Auburn Lee (Piano), "*Piano Concerto in A minor, op. 16, 1st mvt.*" by Grieg. Music Teacher: Clive Swansbourne.

Senior Piano Division

No scholarship awarded.

No Honorable Mention*

Junior String Division

Melissa Du (Violin) Winner, "*Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21, 1st mvt.*", by Lalo. Age 14 in the 9th grade at Cyprus Fall High School. Daughter of Xiangyang Du and Linna Zhang. Melissa has studied violin for 7 years. Music teacher: Eric Halen. Melissa enjoys doing volunteer work through her school, participating competitively in Science Olympiad and speech/debate tournaments, surfing the Internet, watching good news and spending time with friends.

Musical Achievements:

- 1st Place, Houston Civic Symphony Young Artist Competition, Junior (2010)
- 2nd Place, Houston Civic Symphony Young Artist Competition, Senior (2011)
- 3rd Place, Fort Bend Symphony Concerto Competition (2011)
- TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra (2011)
- Concertmaster, All Region Orchestra (2009)
- Houston Youth Symphony (2010)
- Houston Young Artist's Concert Rising Star(2009, 2011)



Honorable Mention*

Claire Wood (Violin), "*Violin Concerto in A minor, op. 53, 3rd mvt.*" by Dvorak. Music Teacher: Yuli Jiang.

Senior String Division

Charles Seo (Cello) Co-Winner, "*Cello Concerto in E minor, op. 85, 4th mvt.*" by Elgar. He is in the 9th grade at Memorial High School. He began playing cello when he first came to the United States which was less than 6 years ago. Music teacher: Dr. Brinton Smith. Charles has been a member of the Houston Youth Symphony for 6 years and is the principal cellist of the Symphony. In the summer of 2009, he attended the Madeline Island Music Camp and subsequently was invited to perform for the Garden of Music Concert in Minnesota. Charles was also invited by the West Houston Assistance Ministries to perform in a concert as a special guest performer with the Houston Civic Symphony. Outside of playing his cello, Charles enjoys playing the saxophone and guitar.

Musical Achievements:

- Principal Cellist, Region 27 Orchestra (6th through 9th grade)
- 1st Chair, Texas All-State Symphony Orchestra (2011)
- Winner, Houston Civic Symphony Competition (2009)
- Winner, Houston Youth Symphony Concerto Competition (2009)
- Grand Prize Winner, Fort Bend Concerto Competition (2010)
- Winner, Houston Young Artist's Concert Competition (2010)



Andrew Shiao (Cello) Co-Winner, "*Cello Concerto in E minor, op. 85, 1st & 2nd mvts.*" by Elgar. Age 15 in the 10th grade at Jersey Village High School. Son of Dennis and Meilih Shiao. Andrew studied cello for 4 years. Music teacher: Cornelia Watkins. Andrew's hobbies and interests include: reading and listening to classical music.

Musical Achievements:

- Winner, Houston Youth Concerto Competition (2010)
- Honorable Mention (Cello), Clear Lake Symphony Youth Concerto (2010)
- Houston Youth Artist (2010)



Senior String Division

Honorable Mention*

Kynan Horton-Thomas (Bass), "*Bass Concerto, op. 3*", by Koussevitzky. Music teacher: Becky Merrit.

* **Honorable Mention - will not be performing**

Thank You Roje Yap !

Many thanks go to Competition Coordinator, **Roje Yap** for his tireless work to put this competition and concert together. A big thank you also goes to his committee who helped during the competition and the judges on January 8, 2011.

A fine job was done by the competition Judges. This year's judges were the following:

WIND DIVISION

Mr. Robert Wall

- Assoc. Conductor - Clear Lake Symphony
- Principal Clarinet - Clear Lake Symphony

Ms. Linda Smith

- Clarinet Player - Clear Lake Symphony
- Texas Band Director

Mr. John Stuckey

- French Horn Player - Clear Lake Symphony
 - Private Music Teacher
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PIANO DIVISION

Dr. Charles Johnson

- Music Director - Clear Lake Symphony
- Viola Player - Houston Ballet Orchestra

Dr. Sooah Chae

- Faculty - UH Moores School of Music

Dr. Soyoon Lee

- Piano Faculty - Lone Star College
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STRING DIVISION

Ms. Alice Steele

- Concertmaster Emeritus - Clear Lake Symphony
- Texas Orchestra Director (retired)

Mr. T. Patrick Sloan, Sr.

- Principal String Bass - Clear Lake Symphony
- Director of Orchestra & Keyboard - Albright Fine Arts Academy

Dr. Kurt Gilman

- Director of String Activities - Lamar University
- Music Director - Lamar Civic Orchestra

Upcoming Events

Great Chefs of the Bay Area Fundraiser – Rescheduled to May 5, 2011

The 7th annual Great Chefs of the Bay Area Fundraiser for the Clear Lake Symphony has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel in Nassau Bay. This is the only fundraiser for the Symphony, so please re-mark your calendars for this event.

Here is a list of the restaurants that are participating in this year's Great Chefs of the Bay Area Fundraiser:

- Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel - Luna Restaurant
- South Shore Harbour Resort – Paradise Reef
- Mediterraneo Market & Cafe
- Bakkhus Taverna
- Opus Bristro
- Merlion Thai Restaurant & Lounge on 4th



More information will be available in the near future on the Symphony website and newsletter. Reservations for this event close on May 2, 2011.

Reservation forms are available on-line:

Mail-in Form (checks & credit cards):

[http://clearlakesymphony.org/files/Great Chefs Revervation Form 2011.pdf](http://clearlakesymphony.org/files/Great_Chefs_Revervation_Form_2011.pdf)

On-line Form (for credit cards):

[http://clearlakesymphony.org/GC Reservation.htm](http://clearlakesymphony.org/GC_Reservation.htm)

Remaining Season Concerts

April 29, 2011 - UHCL

Frank - *The Accursed Huntsman*

Frank - *Symphonic Variations*

Soloist: Dr. Sooah Chae, piano

Milhaud - *Boeuf sur le Toit (The Cow on the Roof)*

Saint-Saens - *Symphony No. 1*

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