

Welcome to the Clear Lake Symphony newsletter providing you with reminders of upcoming season performances and the Great Chefs fundraising event.



**The Clear Lake Area
Symphony Society presents
"A Rhapsody on a Theme
by Great Chefs"**

Place: Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake
Hotel Ball Room

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Price: \$60 per person

*Proceeds benefit the Clear Lake Symphony
Scholarship Fund*

*Join us this evening for a delicious multi-
course, sit-down dinner prepared by the Best
Chefs and restaurants in the Bay Area!*

The Clear Lake Area Symphony Society (CLASS) will stage the popular fundraiser Thursday, May 5, at the Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel to support the Clear Lake Symphony as they complete their 35th season this year.

Chairpersons Sherrie and Mike Matula and Blanche Stastny have an impressive lineup with which to tempt your taste buds with a symphony of flavors from around the world - chefs from the Hilton, Mediterraneo Market and Café, Cuisine of India, Outback Steakhouse, Frenchies / Villa Capri, Merlion Thai Restaurant, Opus Bistro and D'Vine Wine.

The Hilton Ballroom opens at 6:30 pm with a cash bar and viewing of Silent Auction items. Beginning at 7 p.m., patrons will enjoy a multi-course sit-down dinner with a menu which includes favorite dishes donated by the participating restaurants. A sample of the menu includes: Spinach Pakora, Vegetable Samosa, Crabmeat and cream cheese rolls, Blue cheese Pecan Chopped Salad, Penne pasta with porcini mushroom sauce, Roasted potatoes with ratatouille, Chicken Oscar (chicken breast stuffed with crabmeat and asparagus) topped with a roasted garlic hollandaise sauce & Seared Beef Medallion with caramelized vidalia onions and topped with maytag blue cheese, White chocolate mousse pie and Wine.

During the evening, participating restaurant chefs will entertain attendees with descriptions of their featured menu items and other menu offerings that their restaurants are known for in the Bay Area. A silent auction will feature a spectrum of items from local area businesses.

Guests will also get to meet symphony members and help them celebrate their recent award from the Texas Association for Symphony Orchestras – "Top Fundraiser for Symphony Orchestras."

CLASS invites anyone who enjoys fine cuisine to attend and support the Clear Lake Symphony. Tickets are \$60 each or \$450 per table with checks, Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted. If you cannot attend, please consider making a tax deductible contribution to the Symphony.

For more information, contact Sherrie Matula, president of CLASS at 281-486-0224.

For reservations and event details, go to the Symphony's Internet Web site:

http://clearlakesymphony.org/great_chefs_2011.htm .

On-Line reservations by credit card: http://clearlakesymphony.org/GC_Reservation.htm

Mail-in reservation form for check & credit cards:

http://clearlakesymphony.org/files/Great_Chefs_Revervation_Form_2011.pdf

NOTE: Reservations must be received no later than 12:00 pm (noon) on May 2, 2011.



Featured Menu

A Symphony of Flavors from Around the World

Pre-Dinner Bistro Reception

Cuisine of India - Crispy Spinach Pakoras & Vegetable Samosas

Main Sit-Down Menu

Merlion Restaurant - Crabmeat & Cream Cheese Rolls - Crispy egg rolls stuffed with crabmeat and cream cheese and green onions

Outback Steakhouse - Blue Cheese Pecan Chopped Salad - Chopped style mixed greens with shredded carrots, cabbage, green onions, cinnamon pecans, fried pasta, all tossed with blue cheese vinaigrette and topped with cheese crumbles

Frenchies / Villa Capri - Penne Pasta with prosciutto and porcini mushroom sauce

Mediterraneo Market & Cafe - Roasted Potatoes with Ratatouille (eggplant, peppers, zucchini, tomatoes, onions and garlic)

Hilton Hotel - Chicken Oscar (Chicken breast stuffed with crab meat and asparagus) and topped with roasted garlic hollandaise sauce & Seared Beef Medallion with caramelized vildalia onions and topped with maytag blue cheese

Opus Bistro - White Chocolate Mousse Pie

*D'Vine Wine - Glass of Sauvignon Blanc Wine
2011 Silver Medal - Houston Rodeo Wine Competition*

2011 Great Chefs of the Bay Area Menu



Cuisine of India

Crispy Spinach Pakora and Vegetable Samosa



Merlion Thai Restaurant

*Crabmeat & Cream Cheese Rolls
(Crispy egg rolls stuffed with
crabmeat and cream cheese and green
onions)*

Serving size: 2

Outback Steak House

*Blue Cheese Pecan Chopped Salad
(Chopped style mixed greens with
shredded carrots, cabbage, green
onions, cinnamon pecans, fried
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Frenchies / Villa Capri

Penne Pasta with prosciutto and porcini mushroom sauce



Mediterraneo Market & Café

Roasted Potatoes with Ratatouille (onions, garlic, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, and zucchini) Note: Roasted potatoes not pictured



Featured Entree by the Hilton Hotel - LUNA Restaurant

Chicken Oscar (Chicken breast stuffed with crab meat and asparagus) and topped with roasted garlic hollandaise sauce & Seared Beef Medallion with caramelized wildalia onions and topped with maytag blue cheese



Opus Bistro

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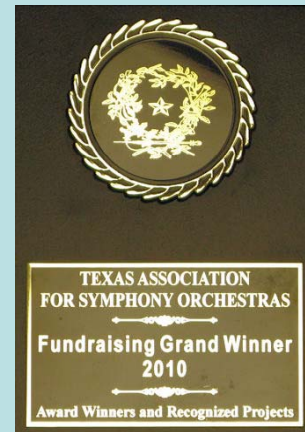
Menu items and photos may be subject to change

Please check the Clear Lake Symphony web site for the latest fundraiser and menu details at:

http://clearlakesymphony.org/great_chefs_2011.htm

Great Chefs of the Bay Area is awarded

"Fundraising Grand Winner" in 2010



The Texas Association For Symphony Orchestras awarded the Clear Lake Area Symphony Society in April 2011, the "*Fundraising Grand Winner*" in 2010 for the *Great Chefs of the Bay Area Fundraiser* for the state of Texas for Symphony Orchestras.

Pictured to the left are Blanche Stastny and Mike Matula displaying the award.

Last Season Concert

April 29, 2011

Franck - *Le Chasseur Maudit (The Accursed Huntsman)*

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

Saint-Saens - *Symphony No. 1*

Thomas - *"Mignon" Overture*

Debussy - *Des Pas de Nieve (Footsteps in the Snow)*

Honegger - *Pastorale d'Ete*

**Location: University of Houston Clear Lake
Bayou Building Auditorium**

The last page of this announcement is a mail-in reservation form for the Great Chefs of the Bay Area for your convenience. You can bring it to the ticket counter to make your reservation. The Ticket Counter will be manned during intermission to take completed reservations. If you cannot attend and would like to make a tax deductible contribution, it can be sent the the address at the bottom of the reservation form.

Reservations can be made online on the Clear Lake Symphony web site at: http://clearlakesymphony.org/GC_Reservation.htm .

Methods of payment include: check, Master Card, VISA, Discover or cash (if paid in person).

For additional information call Mike or Sherrie Matula at 281-486-0224 or see us at the next concert Ticket Counter.

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Ticket Quantity: _____ @ \$60.00 per person = _____ Total Submitted

Reserved Table for 8 @ \$450

Check # _____ Cash (accepted for in-person payment only!, please do not cash send in mail)

Make checks payable to: **CLASS**

Note: Reservations must be received by no later than 12:00 pm (noon) 5/2/11 and can be made on-line for faster processing at the Symphony web site for credit card purchases only at: http://clearlakesymphony.org/GC_Reservation.htm.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please fill out the following and sign

Type of card: MasterCard VISA DISCOVER Expiration Date: _____ / _____

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Name as appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # : _____ FAX # : _____

Email Address: _____

I prefer Reservation Confirmation by: Email Mail Phone FAX

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