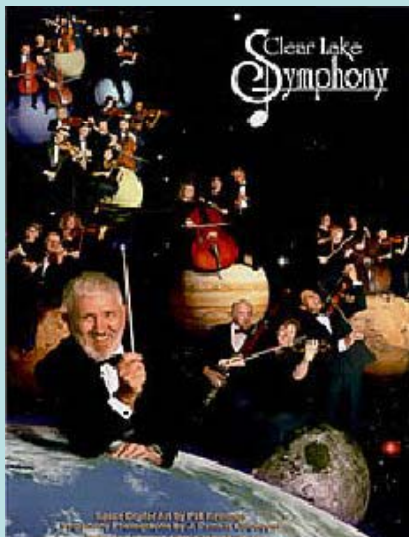


2011 - 2012 Season

The Clear Lake Symphony celebrated its 36th season in the fall of 2011. 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 Gateway Community Church Auditorium, 760 Clear Lake City Blvd, between Highway 3 and I-45. See concerts dates for location.



The Clear Lake Symphony will be performing the fifth in their 2011-2012 concert series on Friday, March 9, 2012 at Gateway Community Church Auditorium located at 760 Clear Lake City Blvd, between Highway 3 and I-45. Celebrating their 36th season, the Orchestra will feature the eight winners of the January 28, 2012 annual Youth Concerto Competition, who will each perform a solo on their instrument accompanied by the orchestra. The Orchestra will be led by Conductor and Musical Director Dr. Charles A. Johnson.

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

Please Note:

The Gateway Community Church location is a change of venue for the Clear Lake Symphony for its March concert, which was originally scheduled at UHCL.

Clear Lake Symphony
Program March 9, 2012

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| <i>Violin Concerto No. 3, 3rd mvt.</i> | Ethan Le, violin Winner, Junior String Division | Saint-Saens |
| <i>Variations on the Carnival of Venice</i> | Ayman Abouleish, trumpet Winner, Junior Wind Division | Arban |
| <i>Cello Concerto, 1st mvt.</i> | Nathan Lo, cello Co-Winner, Senior String Division | Dvorak |
| <i>Hungarian Fantasy (Andante & Rondo Ungarese)</i> | Jordan Brokken, bassoon Co-Winner, Senior Wind Division | Weber |
| <i>Viola Concerto in G minor, 1st mvt.</i> | Brian Bires, viola Co-Winner, Senior String Division | Forsyth |
| <i>Concertino da Camera, 1st & 2nd mvts.</i> | Alex Van Dyke, saxophone Co-Winner, Senior Wind Division | Ibert |
| INTERMISSION | | |
| <i>Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-Flat, 1st mvt.</i> | Christine Tang, piano Winner, Junior Piano Division | Beethoven |
| <i>Piano Concerto No. 3, 1st mvt.</i> | Anna Wang, piano Winner, Senior Piano Division | Prokofieff |

Dr. Charles A. Johnson
Conductor and Musical Director

* Steinway is the official piano of the Clear Lake Symphony

Next Concert - April 20, 2012 7:30 PM
—at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church—

Join the Clear Lake Symphony for a delightful evening of beautiful music at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The orchestra will perform Litloff *Piano Concerto Symphonique No. 4* with pianist Matthew Cash, and Grofe - *Grand Canyon Suite*.

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.

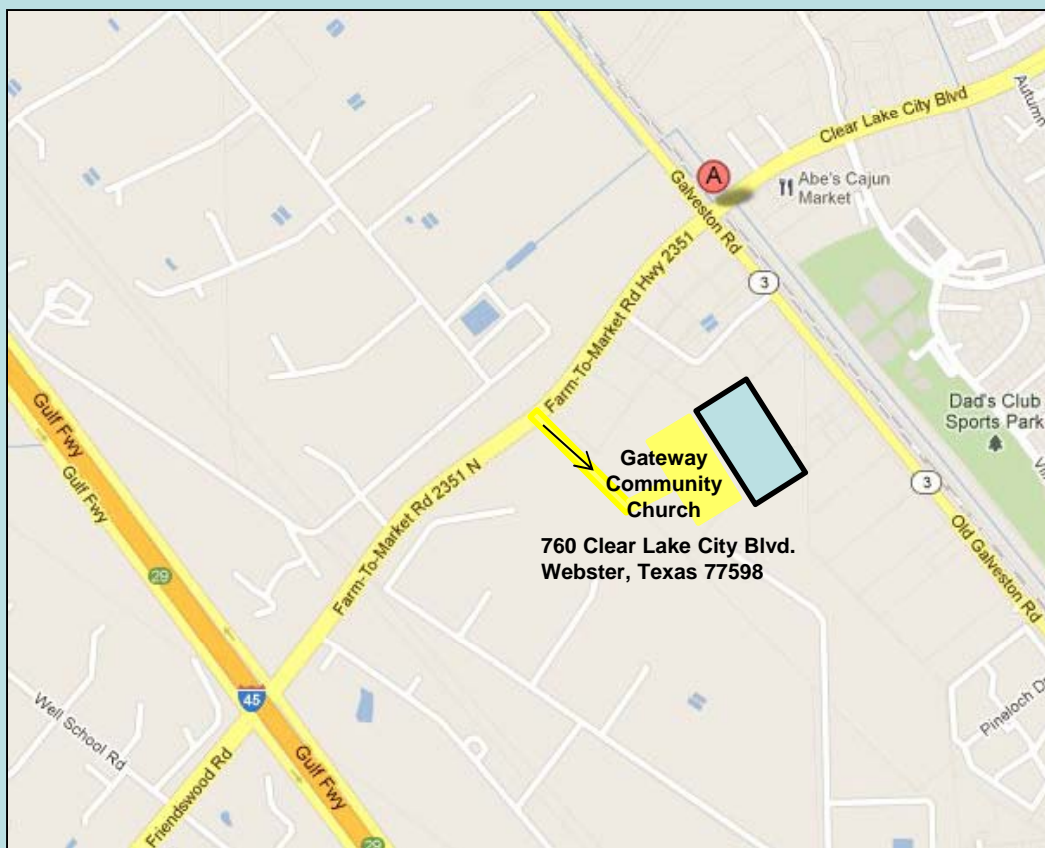
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*Fred and Nancy Forshey of
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for providing the beautiful Steinway piano for
the Youth Concerto Competition and for the March 9th performance.

Gateway Community Church Map



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for underwriting the January 2012 Youth Concerto Competition and
the March 2012 Concert featuring the Competition winners.

2012 Youth Concerto Competition Winners

The Clear Lake Symphony held a competition on January 28, 2012 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 9, 2012 concert. Forty two (42) participants participated in this year's competition.

Junior Wind Division

Ayman Abouleish (Trumpet) Winner, "*Fantaisie & Variations on the Carnival of Venice*", by Arban. Age 13 in the 8th grade at Westbrook Intermediate School. Son of Amr Abouleish & Lamia Elerian. Ayman has studied trumpet for 8 years. Teachers: Roman Jakubas (2004 to current) and Brad Hogarth (2004). Ayman is a Boy Scout (Life Rank), plays competitive tennis, and enjoys reading and playing video games.

Musical Achievements:

- All Region Band - 1st Chair (2011), 2nd Chair (2010), 4th Chair (2009 - as a 6th Grader)
- Principal trumpet - TMEA State Honor Band (2012)
- Principal - Houston Youth Symphony Philharmonic Orchestra (2010 - 2011 Season)
- Summer UH Cougar Band Camp - Intermediate School, 1st Chair (2010), 1st Chair (2009), 2nd Chair (2008)
- Honorable Mention - Clear Lake Symphony Youth Concerto Competition (2010)



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Honorable Mention*

Megan Routbort (Flute), "*Concertino*" by Chaminade. Music teacher: Ema Armanious.

Senior Wind Division

Jordan Brokken (Bassoon) Co-Winner, "*Hungarian Fantasy (Andante & Rondo Ungarese)*", by Weber. Age 16 in the 11th grade at Westfield High School. Son of Eric and Kristen Brokken. Studied bassoon for 5 years. Music teacher: Michael Matusek. He has a very rigorous class schedule this year with five honors classes and three AP classes while maintaining his ranking of 11th in his class. Jordan is an active Boy Scout, a member his high school's Science and Spanish national honor societies. Jordan's ambitions are to someday be a professional bassoonist in a Symphony orchestra. His interests are music and cooking.

Musical Achievements:

- Interlochen Arts Camp, Fennell Scholar (2011)
- All State Musician (2011, 2012)
- Brevard Summer Music Festival (2010)
- Houston Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Winner (2010, 2012)



* Honorable Mention - will not be performing

Senior Wind Division

Alex Van Dyke (Saxophone) Co-Winner, "*Concertino de Camera, 1st & 2nd mvts.*", by Ibert. Age 18 in the 12th grade at Mayde Creek High School. Son of Judy Van Dyke and the late Stephen Van Dyke. Studied saxophone for 6 years. Music teacher: Dan Gelok. Alex enjoys his academic studies and is honored to rank as his class Valedictorian. He is a member of his high school Golf and Academic Challenge Teams, and serves in leadership roles with the National Honor Society and Second Baptist Church Lead Team. Alex plan on pursuing a degree in saxophone performance next year.



Musical Achievements:

- Texas All-State Band (2012)
- Houston Young Artists Concert Member (2010 - 2012)
- NASA Region 8 Conference Featured Soloist, Sam Houston State (2011)

No Honorable Mention

Junior Piano Division

Christine Tang (Piano) Winner, "*Piano Concerto No.2 in B-Flat*" by Beethoven. Age 14, in Clear Brook High School. Daughter of Punan Tang and Xianrong Meng. Christine studied piano for 8 years. Music teacher: John Weems.



Musical Achievements:

- Qualified for MTNA, TMTA competitions
- Participated in Forum Competition every year - winning multiple times
- Participated in International Music Festival master classes (2011, 2012)

Honorable Mention*

Alissa Kono (Piano), "*Piano Concerto in D, 3rd mvt.*" by Haydn. Music Teacher: Kana Mimaki.

* Honorable Mention - will not be performing

Senior Piano Division

Anna Wang (Piano) Winner, "*Piano Concerto No. 3, 1st mvt.*", by Prokofieff. Age 15 in the 10th grade at Clear Lake High School. Daughter of Liqiang and Aixia Wang. Studied piano for 10 years and violin for 6 years. Music teacher: John Weems (piano) and Mr. Chavdar Parashkerov (violin). Anna enjoys composing, surfing the internet. She would like to study piano performance and take required medical school courses in college. She has not yet decided what college to attend at this time.



Musical Achievements:

- 1st Place, TMTA Solo Competition (2011)
- 1st Place, TASO Juanita Miller Concerto Competition (2012)
- Ranked 5th in All-State, 1st in Area (2011)
- Composition selected for NASA's Human Symposium (2011)

No Honorable Mention

Junior String Division

Ethan Le (Violin) Winner, "*Violin Concerto No. 3 in B Minor, 3rd mvt.*", by Saint-Saens. Age 14 in the 8th grade at Beck Junior High School. Son of Hung and June Le. Studied violin for 7 years. Music Teacher: Kenneth Goldsmith and Sonja Harasim. Ethan enjoys Paintballing, playing Xbox games, snowboarding and basketball.



Musical Achievements:

- Chosen as a Houston Young Artist multiple times by the Houston Young Artist Concert organization for both violin and piano performances.
- 1st Place, Houston Civic Symphony Young Artist Concerto Competition (2011 - 2012)
- Accepted to Greenwood Music Camp (Summer 2011)
- Performed on KUHF's "The Front Row" (2009, 2011)

Honorable Mention*

Kevin Zhang (Cello), "*Cello Concerto in G Minor, op. 85, 1st mvt.*" by Elgar. Music Teacher: Olive Chen.

* Honorable Mention - will not be performing

Senior String Division

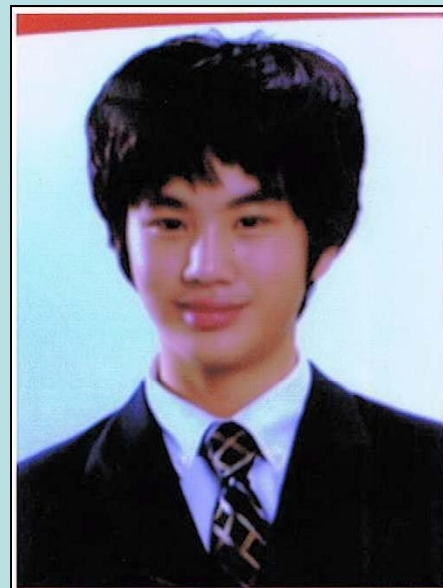
Brian Bires (Viola) Co-Winner, "*Viola Concerto in G Minor, 1st mvt.*" by Forsyth. Age 16 in the 11th grade at Clear Lake High School. Brian is the son of Christina Bires. He began playing viola in the 6th grade under the direction of his mother, Christina Bires. He is currently the private student of Lorenzo Golofeev. He has been in region orchestra for 6 years and most recently made TMEA All-State Symphony Orchestra. Brian is a member of Clear Lake Symphony and is a staff musician for Friendswood United Methodist Church. Brian also performs a many different venues around the Clear Lake Area as a freelance violist. He is a member of National Honor Society and in 2011 he received his 3rd degree Black Belt and is an instructor of Tae Kwon Do. Brian plans on majoring in Music Education with a minor in viola performance. Brian lives in Friendswood with his mother and his 2 dogs, Popo and Pablo.



Musical Achievements:

- All-State String Orchestra and soloist (2011)
- Bay Area Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Winner
- All-State Symphony Orchestra - Ranked 2nd in the state (2012)

Nathan Lo (Cello) Co-Winner, "*Cello Concerto, op. 104, 1st mvt.*" by Dvorak. Age 16 in the 10th grade at The Kinkaid School. Brian is the son of Bowen and Shuli Lo. He studied cello and piano for 8 years. Music teachers: Brinton Smith and Tony Kitai. Nathan enjoys run track, listening to all kinds of music, and hanging out with friends. He also likes playing video games on the weekend. In addition to practicing with his cello, he enjoys playing the piano.



Musical Achievements:

Piano

- 1st Place, Houston Forum for Yong Artists Competition (2004, 2006, 2008, 2009)
- 1st Place, Texas State University in San Marcos for Grades 3-4 (2005)
- 2nd Place, Houston Forum for Yong Artists Competition (2005, 2011)
- 2nd Place, Texas State University in San Marcos for Grades 4-5 (2006)
- 1st Place, Houston Tuesday Musical Club Foundation with \$500 scholarship award (2006)
- 3rd Place, Texas State University in San Marcos for Grades 5-6 (2007)
- Soloist, Bloch Piano Concerto Grosso
- 3rd Place, Texas State University in San Marcos for Grades 7-8 (2008)
- 3rd Place, Houston Forum for Yong Artists Competition (2010)

Cello

- Philharmonic TMEA All-State (2010)
- Symphony TMEA All-State (2011)
- Symphony TMEA All-State (2012)

No Honorable Mention

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 28, 2012.

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

Mr. Kevin Henderson

- Principal Trumpet - Clear Lake Symphony
- Private Music Teacher

Dr. Angie Schindler

- Oboe Player - Clear Lake Symphony
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PIANO DIVISION

Dr. Charles Johnson

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

Dr. Soyoon Lee

- Piano Faculty - Lone Star College

Ms. Tali Morgulis

- Asst. Professor – University of Houston
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STRING DIVISION

Ms. Alice Steele

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

Mr. Tom Dinardis

- Principal Violin - Clear Lake Symphony
- Texas Orchestra Director

Mr. Luci Manolache

- String Bass Player - Clear Lake Symphony



Upcoming Events

Great Chefs of the Bay Area Fundraiser – May 3, 2012

The 8th annual Great Chefs of the Bay Area Fundraiser for the Clear Lake Symphony is scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2012 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 mark your calendars for this event.

Here is a partial 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
- Mediterraneo Market & Cafe
- Cuisine of India
- Outback (tentative)

More information will be available in the near future on the Symphony website and newsletter. Reservations for this event close at 12 noon on April 30, 2012.



Reservation forms are available on-line:

Mail-in Form (checks & credit cards):

[http://clearlakesymphony.org/files/Great Chefs Revervation Form 2012.pdf](http://clearlakesymphony.org/files/Great_Chefs_Revervation_Form_2012.pdf)

On-line Form (for credit cards):

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

Final Season Concert

April 20, 2012

Gade - *Echos of Ossian Overture*

Litolff- *Piano Concerto Symphonique No. 4*

Guest Artist: Matthew Cash, piano

Grofe - *Grand Canyon Suite*

Location: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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