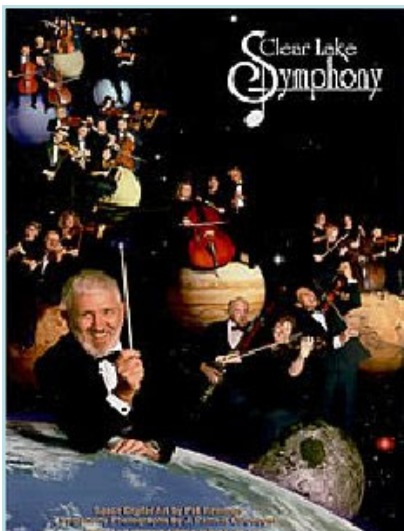


2020 - 2021 Season Concert #5 – March 6, 2021

The Clear Lake Symphony, with Music Director, Dr. Charles Johnson, started its 45th season in the Fall of 2020. The Symphony, recognized as a premiere community orchestra, is a member of ASCAP and BMI. Its goals are to present classical music for the residents of the Bay Area and to provide opportunities for the Bay Area musicians to create a variety of musical experiences for the enjoyment of the community. Six regular season performances including the Christmas “Pops” will be held featuring various classical selections and guest soloists. Join the Symphony as it celebrates its 45th Anniversary with a brand new “Season of Music”.

All concerts will be recorded at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Auditorium in Nassau Bay and then will be available to view on-line on the Symphony’s YouTube site. Due to the health issues our community is experiencing, the concert will not be open to a live audience at our facility, but will be presented on-line through YouTube. Please go to page 5 on how to view the on-line concert or [click here](#) for details on how to view the concert. No live audiences will be allowed until further notice. *Please consider making a donation of any amount to help the Symphony to offset production costs of these concerts.* [Click here to make your donation.](#) Thank you!



The Clear Lake Symphony Chamber Orchestra will be presenting the fifth concert of their 2020-2021 season on-line and FREE to view on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 7:30 PM. Sit back, relax and enjoy a fun evening of classical music with your family. The Orchestra will be led by Dr. Charles A. Johnson, in his 40th year as Conductor and Musical Director of the Clear Lake Symphony.



Dr. Charles Johnson
Conductor
& Musical Director

Reminder: All concerts will be on-line until further notice. For a list of all the season concerts, please click on the following link:
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Clear Lake Symphony Chamber Orchestra
on-line Program - March 6, 2021

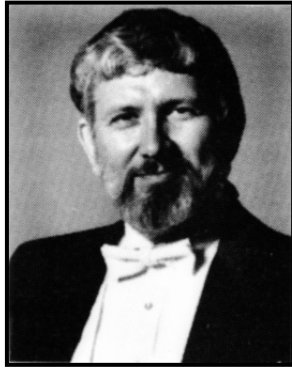
<i>Overture in D</i>	Arriaga
<i>Symphony in Bb, Op. 18, No. 2</i>	J. C. Bach
I. Allegro assai	
II. Andante	
III. Presto	
<i>Suite for Viola and Small Orchestra</i>	Vaughan Williams
I. Prelude	
II. Christmas Dance	
III. Ballad	
IV. Polka Melancolique	
V. Galop	
	Brian Bires, viola
<i>Petite Suite</i>	Debussy
I. En Bateau	
II. Cortège	
III. Menuet	
IV. Ballet	
<p>Dr. Charles A. Johnson Conductor and Musical Director</p> <p>www.clearlakesymphony.org</p>	

Next Concert - April 24, 2021

Join the Clear Lake Symphony Chamber Orchestra
on-line - FREE - for a delightful evening of beautiful music
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Houston, TX 77289-0582 Thank you!!

Concert Tickets are not available for the on-line concerts. No live audiences will be allowed until further notice. Concerts will be broadcasted, FREE of charge, to the viewer on the Clear Lake Symphony’s YouTube site. See page 5 for more details.



Dr. Charles A. Johnson Conductor

Charles Anthony Johnson received his M.A. in composition and his Ph.D. in musicology from the University of California at Los Angeles. As a student he played violin and viola in the Stockton Symphony, University of Pacific, and UCLA orchestras, performing with Roger Wagner, Lukas Foss, Jan Popper and others, and was Assistant Conductor of the UCLA Orchestra.

From 1967 until 1978, Dr. Johnson was on the faculty of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, where he taught music history and theory and conducted the orchestra. While there, he also established and was a member of the faculty string quartet, and from 1974 to 1978 was conductor of the Bryan - College Station Chamber Orchestra.

Dr. Johnson was a violist with the Houston Ballet Orchestra from 1973 to 2013 and has also performed with such groups and artists as the American Ballet Theater, Joffrey Ballet, Ballet Nationale de Cuba, Royal Ballet, Royal Canadian Ballet, Eva Marton, Jose Carreras, and others. He is presently in his 39th season as Conductor and Music Director of the Clear Lake Symphony and was for six years the Conductor and Music Director of the Houston Civic Symphony. Dr. Johnson has been a guest conductor of the Houston Ballet and has conducted in Spain, Poland, and the Czech Republic. He has made recordings with the Bohuslav Martinu Symphony and the Nueremberg Symphoniker.

2020 - 2021 Season Youth Concerto Competition

The Clear Lake Symphony will not hold its annual Youth Concerto Competition in January 2021 until the health issues our community is experiencing from COVID-19 virus is under control to allow for a live audience.

The Symphony will resume the youth Concerto Competition in its 2021 - 2022 Season in January 2022 .





March Soloist Brian Bires viola

Brian Bires was born in Portland, Maine and raised in Houston, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelors of Music Education degree and is a recent graduate of the University of Houston, Moores School of Music with his Masters Degree in Viola Performance. Brian is a former student of Dr. Kathryn Steely and currently studying with the former Principal Violist of Houston Symphony, Wayne Brooks.

Bires has won many concerto competitions, including the Moores School of Music, Baylor School of Music, Houston Civic Symphony, Clear Lake Symphony and most recently the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Young Artist Competition at the Immanuel and Helan Olshan Texas Music Festival. He has performed in master classes for Helen Callus, Caroline Coade, Josef Spacek, James Dunham, Ivo van der Werf and Kathryn Plummer. Bires has been invited to perform with the Prague Summer Nights Music Festival and the Methow Valley Music Festival in Winthrop, Washington. He has won the Donald I. Moore Outstanding Senior Performer Instrumental Division award from Baylor University. Brian has performed extensively throughout the Houston and Waco areas as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician. In addition to performing extensively in the Houston area, Bires had his international premier at the famous Gewandhaus in Leipzig Germany in December of 2019. Besides being a dedicated musician, he likes to enjoy time at home with his three dogs, Pablo, Po-Po, Nala, and his Umbrella Cockatoo, Fred. Bires performs on a Thomas Perry viola, made in 1783.



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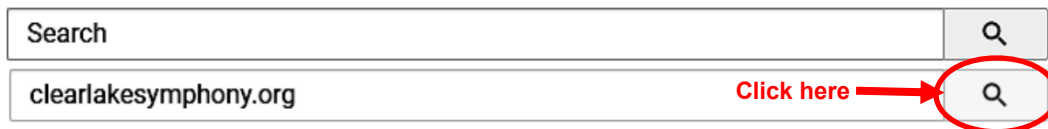
On-Line Streaming of CLS Concerts

The Clear Lake Symphony will start its new season by providing free live-streaming on-line concerts until the health issues our community is experiencing from COVID-19 virus is under control to allow a live audience.

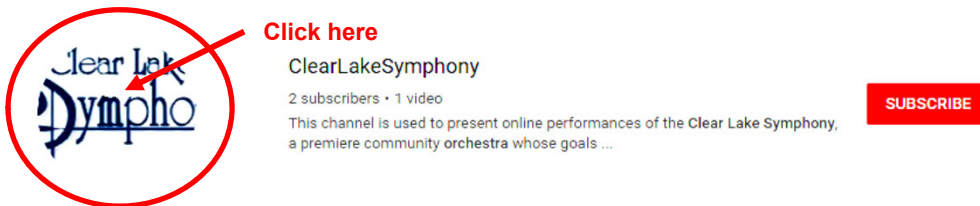
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The following procedure will allow one to log-in to the Clear Lake Symphony YouTube site to view upcoming live streamed concerts.

1. In your web browser, type in: www.YouTube.com , then press the “Enter” key.
2. In the “Search “ box, type in: clearlakesymphony.org . Then click on the magnifying glass to search.



3. Click on the circular CLS logo as shown below.



4. Optional. If you wish to subscribe to the Clear Lake Symphony YouTube site, click on the red **SUBSCRIBE** box shown on the right side of above illustration. You have to be subscribed to YouTube in order to use this feature. You can skip this step if you do not want to subscribe, skip to step 5.
5. After clicking the CLS logo, this should take you to a notice stating there is an “event“ that is scheduled for the next scheduled concert..
6. At 7:15 PM on the date of the scheduled concert, the “Concert Program” will appear on your display screen for the next 15 minutes to preview the music which the symphony will be playing.
7. At 7:30 PM the concert will promptly start.
8. Sit back and enjoy the concert!

Please note: Be sure to turn up the sound on the YouTube screen which is indicated by a speaker symbol on the bottom toolbar. Then, adjust the sound level on your viewing device (i.e.: computer, iPad or smart phone). The below diagram is the YouTube bottom toolbar to control sound and enlarge video to full screen.



Sound Control (this may be marked with an “X” meaning muted)

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