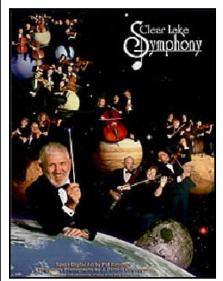
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Classics Concert - June 13, 2025

The Clear Lake Symphony, with Music Director, Dr. Charles Johnson, started its 49th season in the Fall of 2024. 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.

All concerts will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Auditorium, 18220 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay across from NASA Johnson Space Center at 7:30 PM.



The Clear Lake Symphony will be performing the 6th concert of their 2024-2025 season on Friday, June 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Worship Center located at 18220 Upper Bay Road across from NASA Johnson Space Center. Celebrating their 49th season, the Orchestra will present a delightful evening of music of Great Composers.

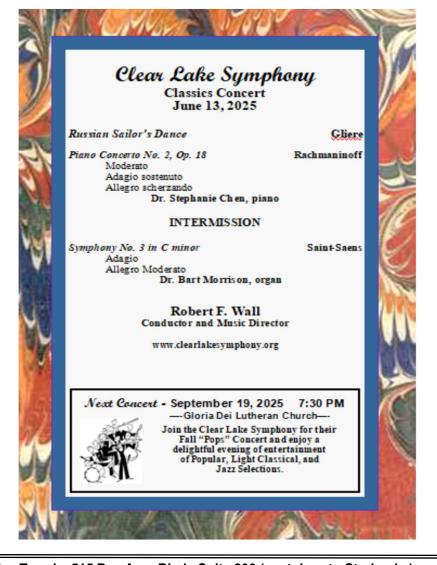
The Orchestra will be led by Robert Wall, Conductor of the Clear Lake Symphony.



Robert Wall Conductor

Reminder: All concerts will be on <u>Friday</u> evenings at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Christmas "Pops" Concert which will be on a <u>Saturday</u> afternoon & evening. For a list of all the season concerts, please click on the following link:

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Concert Tickets are available from Eye Trends, 515 Bay Area Blvd., Suite 300 (next door to Starbucks). Individual are: \$20 adults, \$15 senior citizens (age 55 & up) & \$10 students (cash or checks only). Tickets are also available at the concert ticket table the night of the concert.

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Robert F. Wall

Conductor

Clarinetist and Conductor Robert F. Wall is a native Texan. His early music training was received in the public schools of Beaumont, Texas where he was inspired by the legend of Harry James, another Beaumont native to play beautiful music.

Mr. Wall received his Bachelor Degree in Music Performance from Lamar University in Beaumont, then attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho and was awarded his Master of Music in Performance. After serving three years in the fourth Army Band, he did post graduate work in Music at the University of Houston.

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Mr. Wall held the post of Principal Clarinet with the Clear Lake Symphony for 35 years and in 1993 was named Associate Conductor, where he conducted the group in their annual Fall "Pops" and Christmas "Pops" concerts. Mr. Wall was chosen as Conductor of Clear Lake Symphony in the spring of 2024 upon the retirement of maestro, Dr. Charles Johnson.

Next Concert - September 19, 2025, 7:30 PM

- at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church -



Join the Clear Lake Symphony for their Fall "Pops" Concert and enjoy a delightful evening of entertainment of Popular, Light Classical and Jazz Selections.

Clear Jake Symphony June 13, 2025 Guest Artists



Dr. Stephanie Chen, Piano

Dr. Stephanie Chen is an Otolaryngologist/Head and Neck Surgeon at Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital and a classically trained pianist. Prior to pursuing her passion for medicine, Dr. Chen received her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at The Juilliard School in 2011. She made her orchestral debut at age nine, performing with the Austin Civic Orchestra. Since then, she has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic, Plano Symphony, and the Austin Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Chen is the recipient of multiple awards including the Van Grigsby Johnston Memorial Award at the Wideman Piano Competition, Prix for composition interpretation and the prestigious Prix Casadesus for musical excellence at the Ecole d'Art Americaines de Fontainebleau in France. She also received the 2011 John Erskine Prize for musical and scholastic excellence at the Juilliard School. Among her various concert venues, Dr. Chen has performed in Alice Tully Hall through Juilliard's Wednesday at One series, Salle des Colonnes of the Chateau de Fontainebleau as part of the Fontainebleau Festival, Holley Hall and the Sarasota Opera House as part of the artist showcase concerts of the Sarasota Music Festival; The Long Center as guest performer for the Texas Medal of the Arts Ceremony; Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall as part of the Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competition's winner's recital series; and Harris Concert Hall as part of the Spotlight Recital series at the Aspen Music Festival.





Dr. Bart Morrison is originally from Westminster, California. He started piano lessons at the age of 4 and played his first musical at 11. Bart began his formal education by earning a Bachelor of Music Education in Organ & Voice from Oklahoma Baptist University and a Master of Music in Church Music & Music Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His organ teachers include Dr. Andre Lash, Dr. Ron Davis, and Dr. Al Travis. He then earned the Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from Abilene Christian University. Bart has also done post-graduate study at Oberlin College-Conservatory of Music, the University of Tennessee, University of Michigan, and The Julliard School.

He completed a sabbatical last year where he studied at the Yale Divinity School, Cornell University, and Stanford University. Bart is in his sixth year as Pastor of Worship Ministries at University Baptist Church, Houston, where he directs the multifaceted music program for all ages, from birth through senior adults.

Bart has been married to Dr. Becky Morrison, Chair of Music Education at Dallas Baptist University for 38 years and they are the parents of two children: Christopher, who is married to Caroline & Hayley, who is married to Jim and the parents of Henry, Bart & Becky's first grandchild.

Clear Lake Symphony **Robert Wall, Conductor**

<u>Violin</u>

Brianna Alvarado Christina Bires Olivia Dinardis Tom Dinardis,

Principal Second

Concertmaster

Kristen Franciotti **Emily Gladstone** Travis Hall Dylan Huss Melanie King Lori Laird Robin Lawler Joseph Mills April Montgomery John Pinckney Edgar Ramos Liam Ramsey-White,

<u>Viola</u>

Carla Sugar

Emmanuel Torres

Travis Baylor **Baylor Hoang** Theresa Kelly Maggie Lytle, Principal Jose Martinez Carol Mullenax Jennifer Wicks

David Berlin Christian Ibanez Ivan Martinez Alan Noblitt Mary Schultz-Staupe Mark Varian, Principal

Donovan Goins, Principal

<u>Flute</u>

Carol Barrett Melodie Shelton, Principal Noma Williams

Oboe/English Horn

Bonnie Haines, English Hom Michael Kasinger, Principal Angie Schindler

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet

Kim Everett, Bass Clarinet Katie McMullen Linda Smith, Principal

Bassoon

Hugo Doege, Principal Jordan Moreno Enrique Polanio, Contra

Horn

Heather Hare **Edward Salinas** Lindsay Smith, Principal Mike Smith

Trumpet

Kevin Henderson, Associate Principal Terry Houvouras Roman Jakubas. Associate Principal

Trombone

Lonnie Cox Mark Nguyen, Principal Steven Remko

Mike Holland, Principal

Percussion

Ryan Johnson Brandy Knust Craig Schweitzer Jim Shelton Sheila Torrance, piano Betty Wall, Principal

"Classics" Concert



Reinhold Gliere 1875 - 1956



Sergei Rachmaninoff 1873 - 1943



Camille Saint-Saens 1835 - 1921

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2025 - 2026 Season Schedule & Tickets

Join us to celebrate the 50th season with the Clear Lake Symphony! Season tickets for the 2025 - 2026 Season are currently available from EYE TRENDS, 515 Bay Area Blvd., Suite 300 (next door to Starbucks), (cash or checks only) or by printing and mailing the Ticket Order Form which is in this newsletter.

Season tickets will also be available at the opening Fall "Pops" concert on September 19, 2025 at the ticket box office. After September 19th, only individual tickets for the remaining season concert may be purchased.

One can save up to \$20 by purchasing season tickets and saves time by not having to stand in-line to purchase tickets at each concert.





Fall "Pops" September 19, 2025

Star Spangled Banner - arr. Damrosh
Hands Across the Sea - Sousa
"Showboat" Highlights - arr. Bourdon
Morning, Noon, and Night in
Vienna - von Suppe
Music from "Jaws" - arr. Cacavas
Moon River - arr. Moss
Premier Piece - Kasinger
Waltz from "Sleeping Beauty" - Rosenhaus
Cityscapes - arr. Lewis
Malaguena - arr. Groffe
Curtain Up! - arr. Krogstad
Blue Tango - Anderson

Fall "Classics" Concert October 24, 2025

Baba Yaga & Great Gate of Kiev - Mussorgsky
Romeo & Juliet Suite, mvt. 1 - Prokofiev
(Dr. Charles Johnson, guest conductor)
Piano Concerto in G# minor - Rimski-Korsakov
(Dr. Andrew Staupe, piano)
Act I Entr'acte from "Raymonda" - Glazunov
Symphony No. 1 (The Classical) - Prokofiev

Christmas "Pops"

<u>Friday, Dec. 5, 2025 7:30 PM</u>

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 1:00 PM

Youth Concerto
Competition Winners
March 27, 2026

A Festival Prelude - Reed

Spring "Classics" Concert May 8, 2026

The Moldau - Smetana
Tide Star Pulling - Redford
"Rienze" Overture - Wagner
(Dr. Milton Pullen, guest conductor)
Symphony No. 40 - Mozart

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