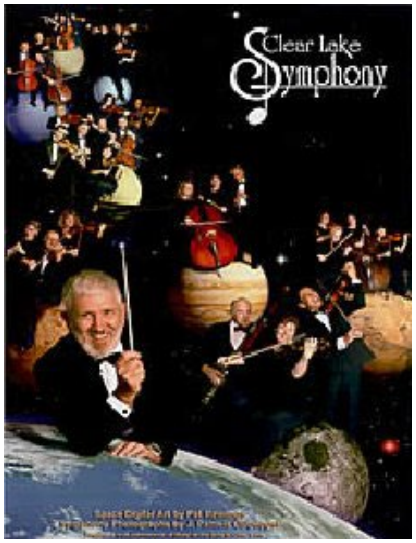
Celebrate Your Holidays With the Clear Lake Symphony

The Clear Lake Symphony "The Sounds of Christmas" Pops Concert has become a Bay Area holiday tradition for many of our local residents. Treat the entire family to a yuletide performance of traditional Christmas music! So, get your family or group together and plan to join the Symphony for a wonderful holiday celebration. Purchase tickets early from Eye Trends to avoid the long ticket lines at the ticket box office the day of the concert. See details below.



The Clear Lake Symphony will be performing the 3rd Concert of their 2026-2027 season on Friday, December 4, 2026 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Worship Center located at 18220 Upper Bay Road across from NASA Johnson Space Center. Celebrating their 51st season, the Orchestra will present delightful music of the Christmas Holiday Season. The Orchestra will be led by Robert Wall, Conductor of the Clear Lake Symphony.

Reminder: All concerts will be on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Christmas "Pops" concerts which will be on a Friday & Saturday. For a list of all the season concerts, please click on the following link: www.ClearLakeSymphony.org









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. Tickets are also available at the concert ticket table prior to the concert.



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.

Mr. Wall was a music educator for many years and currently in his 37th year as Instrumental Music Director and Orchestra Director at the University Baptist Church in Clear Lake. With several hundred music orchestrations as part of his duties at the church, he has also become an accomplished composer and orchestrator of small string and wind ensemble music, which is published through Cimarron Music Press.

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 – March 19, 2027
Youth Concerto Competition
Winners Concert
7:30 pm

-- at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church --



"Giving Tuesday" - December 1, 2026

The Clear Lake Symphony has joined "*Giving Tuesday*", a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. "*Giving Tuesday*" is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to kick-off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. Click here to go to the Symphony's Donation page, on or before December 1, 2026. You will be given the option to making a one time or monthly donation. Donations of any amount are welcomed!

Christmas is a time of giving. Please consider including the Clear Lake Symphony in your charitable contributions.

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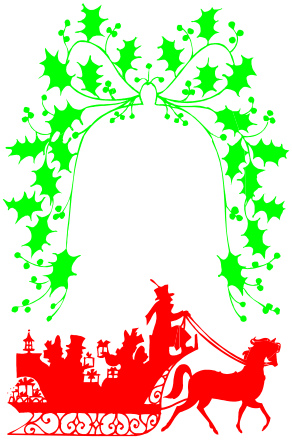
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2026 - 2027 Season Youth Concerto Competition

The Clear Lake Symphony will hold the competition on January 16, 2027 for young artists from Houston area high schools, junior highs, and elementary schools. The winners are provided with a scholarship and the opportunity to perform with the Symphony. The winners will perform on the March 19th concert in 2027. For questions, contact Melodie Shelton (Competition Coordinator) at shortmusic@gmail.com. The Application Form is available at the link provided below. Applications must be submitted on-line by December 12, 2026. The application form for the Youth Concerto Competition is available on the Symphony website (https://clearlakesymphony.org/youth-concerto-competition-application/) as of October 1, 2026 and will close on December 12, 2026. Any applications submitted after this time will not be considered. We will not accept any mail-in applications.

The aim of the Competition is to enhance music performance and appreciation by:

- *encouraging promising students to prepare high quality performance materials*
- *aiding instrumental and piano teachers in the Houston/Galveston Metro Area in so encouraging their students*
- *provide opportunities for the students to perform with the Clear Lake Symphony before a live audience*

Scholarship awards will be granted to the winner of each category in each Division.

Competition Rules

Any student residing in the Houston/Galveston Metro area not over the age of 19 and not yet out of high school is eligible to enter the Competition. A student who wins the competition is ineligible to perform in the competition the following year. A former Concerto Competition winner must wait for one (1) year before re-entering.

Junior Division - Students not having reached the of age 15 by September 1, 2026.

Senior Division - Students having reached the age 15, but not having reached the age of 19 by September 1, 2026.

There are three separately judged instrumental categories in each division.

1) Winds & Percussion
2) Strings
3) Piano

Any movement of a large work for solo instrument and orchestra is acceptable, provided that an orchestration is readily available for the Symphony's use. All selections are subject to the approval of the Clear Lake Symphony Conductor. Memory is suggested but not required.

It is the contestant's responsibility to determine, before their application is submitted, whether or not an orchestration for their piece is available for the performance. If no orchestration is available, they should choose another piece with which to audition and perform.

Each contestant must arrange for piano accompaniment using piano reduction for the orchestration. Contestants should bring an original copy of the music for the judges to view during the competition. **The piece must be limited to no more than 15 minutes.** The Competition Coordinator has the authority to make binding decisions regarding conformity to competition regulations.

For more details and the on-line application form, please go to the Clear lake Symphony website at: http://clearlakesymphony.org/youth_concerto.htm






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Fall "Pops"

Happy 250th Birthday, America

September 18, 2026

Star Spangled Banner - arr. Damrosh
National Emblem March - arr. Bagley
Armed Forces Salute - arr. Lowden
Fantasy on "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"- arr. Starer
(Norma Williams, piccolo)
Premier Piece - Kasinger
The Wide Missouri - arr. Dragon
American Folk Song Portrait - Cranfill
American Salute - arr. Gould
American Frontier - arr. Custer
You're A Grand Old Flag - arr. Rosenhaus
America the Beautiful - arr. Dragon
Stars and Stripes Forever - Sousa

"Celebration" Concert

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the USA

October 23, 2026

Fanfare for the Common Man - Copland
First Day of Spring - Anderson
New England Triptych - Schuman,
(Dr. Charles Johnson , conductor)
Concerto in F - Gershwin
(Dr. Diego Caetano, piano)

Christmas "Pops"

Friday, Dec. 4, 2026 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026 1:00 PM
Enjoy music of the season

Youth Concerto Competition Winners

March 19, 2027
Tragic Overture - Brahms

Spring Concert

May 7, 2027
Carnival Overture - Dvorak
Victory At Sea - Rodgers
Symphony No. 7 - Beethoven

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