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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

- To advocate for the GLBT community by promoting knowledge and understanding through music.
- To provide opportunities for high caliber musical performances for the GLBT community and beyond.
- To provide a welcoming and comfortable musical outlet for GLBT and GLBT-friendly wind, brass and percussion players.
- To support and raise awareness for causes which are important to the GLBT community.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Houston Pride Band is open to all brass, woodwind, and percussion players. We welcome musicians of all skill levels. If you are interested in joining us, please give us a call or email us so that we can get your complete contact information and make arrangements to have music ready for you when you arrive.

### **REHEARSALS**

The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Resurrection MCC, 2025 West 11th Street.

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## **Easy Ways to Help the Houston Pride Band**

**DONATE** a new or used instrument, sheet music or other band-related items.

**LINK** our web site to yours: [www.houstonprideband.org](http://www.houstonprideband.org)

**TELL** a friend about us.

**SUPPORT** our fundraisers, activities and performances.

**EMAIL** us for more information at: [info@houstonprideband.org](mailto:info@houstonprideband.org)

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Or **JOIN** the band as a musician or band aide!

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# *A Message from Our President*

Welcome to the second subscription concert of the Houston Pride Band's 30th Anniversary Season. The music you will be enjoying tonight celebrates relationships of all kinds whether it be our family, our lovers, or spiritual relationships. With that as our theme, we couldn't think of a better organization to partner with than Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbian and Gays, more commonly known as PFLAG. PFLAG has been a part of our community for over 25 years by supporting families, educating the public, and advocating for equality. We are glad to, in a small way, return the unconditional love that they have always shown to all of us. The proceeds from ticket sales from this evening's performance will go to this fine organization.

As part of our rededication to the community during our 30th anniversary season, we have committed to partnering with worthwhile organizations for each of our concerts. In order to do so, we have to cover the costs through the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and

other civic organizations. Be sure to give thanks to the people and businesses that have made our season possible. Special thanks goes to our Season Sponsor, Concierge Travel, who provided the RSVP cruise and weekend at Pineapple Point in Ft. Lauderdale for this evening's raffle and Silent Auction. We hope that you will help them help us by purchasing a raffle ticket (or five) and placing a bid on some of the great items that are for sale at the auction.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Friday, June 27th when we have our Gala 30th Anniversary Concert. It will be a fun evening of music and memories in Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center for Performing Arts. We are pleased to announce that the beneficiary of that concert will be the Montrose Counseling Center who is also celebrating 30 years of service to the people of Houston.

Now sit back and enjoy our gift to you, for our relationship with our audience is one that we treasure dearly.



# *About Our Artistic Director*

Jason Stephens is a graduate from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, where he received a Bachelor of Music in 2003. He studied Conducting with Travis Albany and Dr. Barry Johnson and attended a Conducting Symposium under the direction of Craig Kirchoff. After moving to Houston, he joined the Houston Pride Band as a bassoonist in 2005. He was named Interim Artistic Director in early 2006 and appointed as permanent Artistic Director in November 2006.

Jason works for the Houston Public Library and plans to pursue his Masters degree in Library Sciences from the University of North Texas. He is also the music librarian for the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra and occasionally substitutes in with the Houston Civic Symphony.



## *Program Notes*



### **Rollo Takes a Walk**

Born in Massachusetts, David Maslanka (b. 1943) is a highly acclaimed composer who is best known for his compositions for wind ensemble. Maslanka's compositional style can be rhythmically intense and complex, yet possessing a warm spiritual quality and underlying delicate beauty.

Rollo is a fictional character created by Charles Ives and used in his musical writings to illustrate ultra-conservative musical tastes (typically something too-often played or boring.) Among the types of music Rollo doesn't like are, ironically, Ives' own works and modern music in general. In *Rollo Takes a Walk*, Maslanka takes Rollo on a musical outing for a gentle parody of concerts in the park and of some bands (whose tuning may be less than perfect.) The piece is not intended as a jab at wind bands, but rather as an exploration of the "out-of-tune" or "micro-tonal" character that is viewed as a forceful, original element in American music.

### **Amazing Grace**

A native of Louisiana, Frank Ticheli (b. 1958) is an American composer, most notably of numerous compositions that have become standards in the concert band repertoire. He has been the recipient of multiple awards, grants and commissions and is currently a Professor of Composition at the University of Southern California.

Ticheli's Amazing Grace is based on the well-known spiritual by the same name. Ticheli states: "The spiritual Amazing Grace was written by John Newton (1725-1807), a slaveship captain who, after years of transporting slaves across the Atlantic Ocean to the New World, suddenly saw through divine grace the evilness of his acts."

### **Ukrainian Folk Songs**

Halsey Stevens (1908-1989) was born in New York and is recognized as an important American composer, teacher and writer on the subject of music. He was a fruitful composer and also authored a biography that is a standard on the life and music of Bela Bartok. William Schaefer (b. 1918) is a prolific arranger, scoring many major orchestral works for band and making modern editions of many old works for wind bands. Both Schaefer and Stevens taught extensively at the University of Southern California. Ukrainian Folk Songs was arranged from a collection of piano pieces originally written as teaching pieces for Stevens's children. Each of the eleven folk songs is set so as to reflect the character inherent in each piece. Skillfully arranged, Ukrainian Folk Songs uses only the instruments and textures needed to create a sonority unique to each individual movement.

### **Concertino, Op. 26**

Carl Maria von Weber (1786-1826) was a German composer who became one of the first significant composers of the Romantic period. His musical inspiration reached wide – influencing orchestration, opera, choral, vocal and instrumental music as well as the likes of Chopin, Liszt, Wagner, Mahler, Stravinsky, Debussy and Hindemith. His cousin Constanze was the wife of Mozart.

In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, the clarinet was just beginning to gain acceptance into orchestras (largely due to Mozart's love of its sound). Inspired by his friend and virtuosic clarinetist Heinrich Bärmann, Weber wrote the Concertino, Op. 26 in just two weeks for an 1811 Munich concert for King Maximilian I. Written in one movement, the piece expanded the technical possibilities offered by the then ten-key clarinet and was so well received that not only did the King order two full-scale clarinet concertos, but the whole orchestra began requesting concertos from Weber. The band arrangement was completed by renowned band composer, Alfred Reed.

### **West Side Story Selection**

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) is arguably the most well-known American composer and conductor to date and one of the most famous gay musicians of all time. He was widely known for his conducting of the New York Philharmonic and his Young People's Concerts series.

*West Side Story* was a collaboration of Bernstein, lyricist Stephen Sondheim and choreographer Jerome Robbins and fused the best operatic elements with the energy of Broadway. It premiered in 1957 and was an immediate success and has since become an unforgettable work of art for the stage. The story is a then-modern treatment of the greatest of all love stories, Romeo and Juliet. West Side Story Selection was arranged by W.J. Duthoit and features some of the most memorable songs, including: *I Feel Pretty; Maria; Something's Coming; Tonight; One Hand, One Heart; Cool and America.*

# *Our Performers*

## Flute

Tom Perkinson  
Jonathan Ellis

## Oboe

Lupe Ybarra

## Clarinet

Travis Arbing  
Ron Louvier  
Rudy Martinez  
Michael Schirmacher  
Kristin Theriot

## Bassoon

David DiCamillo

## Bass Clarinet

Melissa Thompson

## Alto Saxophone

Connie Moore  
Kevin Taylor

## Baritone Saxophone

Lisa Mace

## Trumpet

Arthur McGimsey  
Paige Kovar  
Kevin Nield  
Mary Beth Alstorf

## French Horn

Cary Byrd

## Euphonium

Casey Sherrell

## Trombone

Trudy Allen  
Kiyona Corpening  
Noel Freeman  
Amanda Solis

## Tuba

Elroy Forbes  
Joe Wiese

## Percussion

Debbie Hunt  
Pam Stephens  
Cassie J. Hawks

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## The Houston Pride Band

**Rollo Takes a Walk**..... David Maslanka

**Amazing Grace**..... Frank Ticheli

**Ukrainian Folk Songs**..... Halsey Stevens

Scored for Band by William A. Schaefer

1) Family Gathering

7) Trouble with Hemp

2) The Repentant Wife

8) A Merry Widow

3) Easter Song

9) A Love Song

4) Under the Cherry Tree

10) Why Do You Pout, Dear?

5) The Sun Has Set

11) The Wife Who Beat Her Husband

6) Mother's Concern

## Intermission

Please join us in the Gathering Place to make your bid on  
the items donated for our Silent Auction.

## Sax Quartet

**My Funny Valentine**..... Richard Rogers & Lorenz Hart  
arranged by Keith Young

**Fly Me to the Moon**..... Bart Howard  
Arranged by Jack Gale

**Lupe Ybarra** Soprano Saxophone, **Kevin Taylor** Alto Saxophone

**Melissa Thompson** Tenor Saxophone **Lisa Mace** Baritone Saxophone

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**Concertino, Op. 26** ..... Carl Maria von Weber  
for Clarinet and Concert Band

Arranged by Alfred Reed  
Edited by Don McCathren

**Ron Louvier, Clarinet**

**West Side Story Selection** ..... Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim  
featuring *I Feel Pretty*; *Maria*;  
*Something's Coming*; *Tonight*;  
*One Hand, One Heart*; *Cool*;  
*and America* Music by Leonard Bernstein  
Arranged for Band by W. J. Duthoit

The Silent Auction will continue for 30 minutes after the performance.

# *Our Volunteers*

Volunteer Coordinator:

Nancy Wintle

Deborah Bradford  
Butch Mayeux  
Georgette Monaghan  
Michael Moore  
Ken Reagan

Stacy Spitzmueller  
Jarrod Theriot  
John Lee  
Lavita Marks  
Robert Sliepka

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## *Our Planning Committee*

Trudy Allen, Cary Byrd, Debbie Hunt, Rudy Martinez,  
Connie Moore, Casey Sherrell, Kevin Taylor, Joe Wiese

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The Houston Pride Band is an active member of the Lesbian & Gay Band Association (LGBA), an international musical organization comprised of twenty-eight concert and marching bands from cities across America, Canada and Australia.

Member bands of LGBA have joined forces to perform for events such as the 1993 and 1997 Clinton Inaugural Parades, every March on Washington and at Gay Games Sports & Cultural Festivals around the world.



Ten members of the Houston Pride Band joined 240 other LGBA musicians at Gay Games VII in Chicago in the summer of 2006. Massed band marching performances included Opening

Ceremonies at Soldier Field and Closing Ceremonies at Wrigley Field, and a concert performance at the beautiful Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park.

For more information about the Lesbian & Gay Band Association, visit their web site at [www.gaybands.org](http://www.gaybands.org).



# Our Season Sponsor

We are thrilled to have **Concierge Travel** as our 2007-2008 season sponsor. Concierge Travel has generously donated the cruise and Florida travel packages for our raffle and silent auction.

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on your 30th Anniversary Season!**



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# This one time, at band camp...

If you have ANY stories that begin like this, we know you're a band geek! Do you miss the joy of playing your instrument in a group?

**The Houston Pride band is actively seeking ALL levels of playing abilities.**

Even if you don't have an instrument to play, we may have one in our closet for you to use. (that's about the only thing in our closet!)

**Rehearsals are every Wednesday**

**7:30 - 9:30 PM at Resurrection MCC**

located at 2025 West 11th St. (by T C Jester).

## The Houston Pride Band Wants YOU!

Visit our website @ [www.houstonprideband.org](http://www.houstonprideband.org)  
or call (713) 862-9491 for more details.

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you would like to participate.



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