



Houston Repertoire Ballet's The Nutcracker will feature Lakes on Eldridge North resident Caitlin Nhan!

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WHO: Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB), Northwest Houston's premiere pre-professional ballet company, featuring guest artists from Ballet Idaho: HRB Alumna Elizabeth Keller and Andrew Taft.

WHAT: Houston Repertoire Ballet proudly presents the 2015 Celebration of Dance, a celebration of life, of beauty, of childhood simplicity – a true celebration of the art of dance and its unique ability to express and walk us through all of what life can lay before us! Included in the show are: Storybook Fantasy by Victoria Vittum, a favorite among children and a special trip down memory lane for the adults; Paquita, an energetic classic with Spanish flair; Shostakovich Suite by Steve Brule, celebrating the famous ballerinas of painter Edgar Degas; and two new works by emerging choreographers Leah Smith and Rebecca Webb, commissioned specifically for HRB dancers.

WHEN: Saturday, April 25 at 2 pm & Sunday, April 26 at 2 pm

WHERE: Tomball High School Theatre
30330 Quinn Road Tomball, Texas 77375

TICKETS: Reserved seating. Tickets: \$15 adults and \$12 students/seniors. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org. For community groups, call the box office to ask about our group discount.

OUTREACH: Each year, the dancers of HRB perform excerpts and make costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group

events and at Arts & Education performances. Also, HRB will perform for the Tomball ISD fourth grade students fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To schedule an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).



Photo By: Steven O'Connor

GUEST ARTISTS: Elizabeth Keller was born in Dubai, UAE, and began her training at the Royal Academy of Dance in London, England. She then moved to Houston, TX where she trained with Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome at the Ballet Center of Houston and danced with the Houston Repertoire Ballet. At age 15, Ms. Keller was invited to train at Rock School of The Pennsylvania Ballet on full merit scholarship. There she was coached extensively by "Prima Ballerina Assoluta," Ms. Violette Verdy, and danced with the Pennsylvania Ballet for two seasons. In 2002, she attended the Miami City Ballet School summer intensive and trained with the Miami City Ballet School for the year before joining as a fulltime company member in 2003 under the direction of the founder and Artistic Director Edward Villella. Ms. Keller danced with the Miami City Ballet for ten seasons.

Her fondest memories of dancing with MCB include Symphony in Three Movements, Symphony in C, Lilac Garden, Serenade, Who Cares?, Donizetti Variations, Four Temperaments, Balanchine's full length Jewels, Giselle, Mercuric Tidings, Tarantella and Paquita. Elizabeth moved to Boise, Idaho in 2012 to join Trey McIntyre

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Project and work with the internationally and nationally acclaimed choreographer, Trey McIntyre. Ms. Keller was a part of the uniquely talented and forward-thinking organization for two seasons. She now calls Boise, Idaho home. Elizabeth will be joining Ballet Idaho for the 2014/2015 season.

Ms. Keller also has a passion for teaching. The last 10 years, she has taught summers in Houston, TX at Ballet Center of Houston; Saratoga Springs, New York, where she ran and was on faculty at The New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA); and was on the fulltime ballet faculty at Miami City Ballet School for two years. Ms. Keller was appointed the Children's Ballet Mistress for Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" at Miami City Ballet from 2009-2013. She will be joining the faculty at Eagle Performing Arts Center and Ballet Idaho Academy for the 2014/2015 school year. Ms. Keller also is thrilled to announce that she will be starting the very first Dance for Parkinson's classes in Boise, ID this fall.

Andrew Taft was born in Miami, Florida where he began his classical training at the age of nine with Ruth Wiesen at the Miami Conservatory. He also studied with Thomas Armour, Robert Pike, Nancy Raffa, as well as other professional guest artists. He trained in both Limon and Graham technique at the New World School of the Arts. His ballet training continued in New York City with private coaching by Johan Renvall and David Howard.

Mr. Taft has danced leading roles with Michael Uthoff Dance Theatre, Miami Ballet, Francis Owen/Cox Dance, Ballet Hawaii and Miami City Ballet. Notable roles include Franz in Coppelia, Soloist in Theme and Variations, Prince Charming in Cinderella and The Bluebird in The Sleeping Beauty. In 2011, Andrew had the honor to perform for Michelle Obama and her daughters in Ballet Hawaii's The Nutcracker. This is Mr. Taft's fifth season with Ballet Idaho and his first as a Principal. He has danced leading roles in Yes, Virginia, Another Piano Ballet, The Nutcracker, Romeo and Juliet, Pulcinella, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Piano Concerto in G, Firebird and many others.

SYNOPSIS: Storybook Fantasy: Victoria Vittum's light-hearted tale of a young girl who falls asleep while reading, only to find that the characters from her book have come to life and begin to dance with her and the toys in her room. Reunite with Mickey & Minnie Mouse, Cat in the Hat, Snow White, and many more!

Paquita: A fiery, energy-filled classic by famous choreographer Marius Petipa, Paquita will delight with its Spanish flair, its grand corps de ballet, and guest artists from Ballet Idaho, HRB alumna Elizabeth Keller and Andrew Taft.

Shostakovich Suite: Playful yet elegant, like the paintings, this ballet celebrates the famous ballerinas brought to life by Edgar Degas.

Plus two new pieces by emerging choreographers Leah Smith and Rebecca Webb.

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ABOUT HRB: The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded in 1995 by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community. Although Mr. Rome is now retired, he maintains his interest and affiliation with HRB as a guest teacher.

For two decades HRB has contributed to the cultural fabric of Harris and Montgomery Counties by providing excellent dance training to the area's young ballet stars and dance educators of tomorrow, while also presenting two high-quality productions annually at affordable prices. The Nutcracker and HRB's spring program, Celebration of Dance, introduce area children and their families to the world of classical and contemporary ballet. Today, HRB is considered to be the premiere pre-professional ballet company in the Houston region, and is

recognized for sharing its gifts with the community and beyond.

The program attracts and develops some of the finest young dancers in the greater Houston area, with many of the dancers advancing to professional ballet companies throughout the country. HRB graduates can be seen with New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and other prestigious companies. For more information, please visit: www.hrbdance.org.

MISSION: HRB's mission is dedicated to providing the finest classical ballet instruction, education and performance experience to local gifted students, and to preparing them for a professional career in the world of dance. HRB also is committed to serving the suburban Houston region with high-quality theatre productions that educate, engage and entertain residents of all ages and perpetuate their appreciation of dance as an art form.



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Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins 16th Season!

The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their 16th season in 2015! We are again recruiting enthusiastic swimmers ages 5 – 18 looking to have great fun this spring and summer. (Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool by the end of the second week of practice.)

LOEST is a voluntary recreational swim team operated for Lakes on Eldridge and the surrounding neighborhoods. LOEST encourages a competitive swim team environment and provides the opportunity for growth, training, enjoyment, good sportsmanship and participation to all active team members. LOEST cannot function without parent involvement, so each participating family is required to fulfill a volunteer commitment. It's a great way to meet other families and adults in our community!

March 15 - Registration begins for returning families

March 22 - Registration for new families

April 20 - Pre-Season Swim Clinic

April 27 - Regular Practice Starts

MEET SCHEDULE FOR 2015:

May 9 - AWAY Winchester Time Trials

May 11 - Team Pictures

May 16 - LOE at Cypress Mills

May 23 - LOE at The Woodlands Riptides

May 30 - LOE at Bridgeland

June 6 - LOE at Deerfield

June 13 - LOE at Copperfield

June 20 - Divisional Meet at CySprings HS

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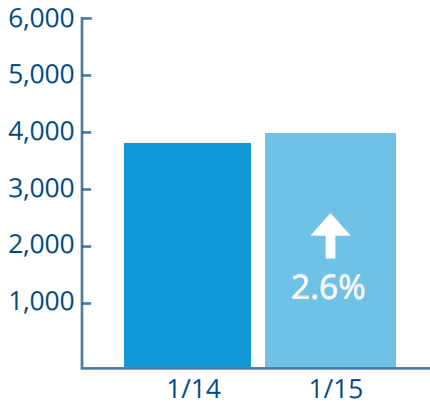
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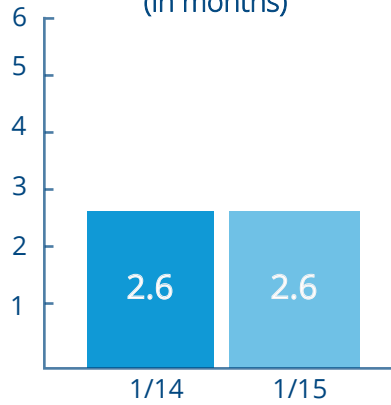
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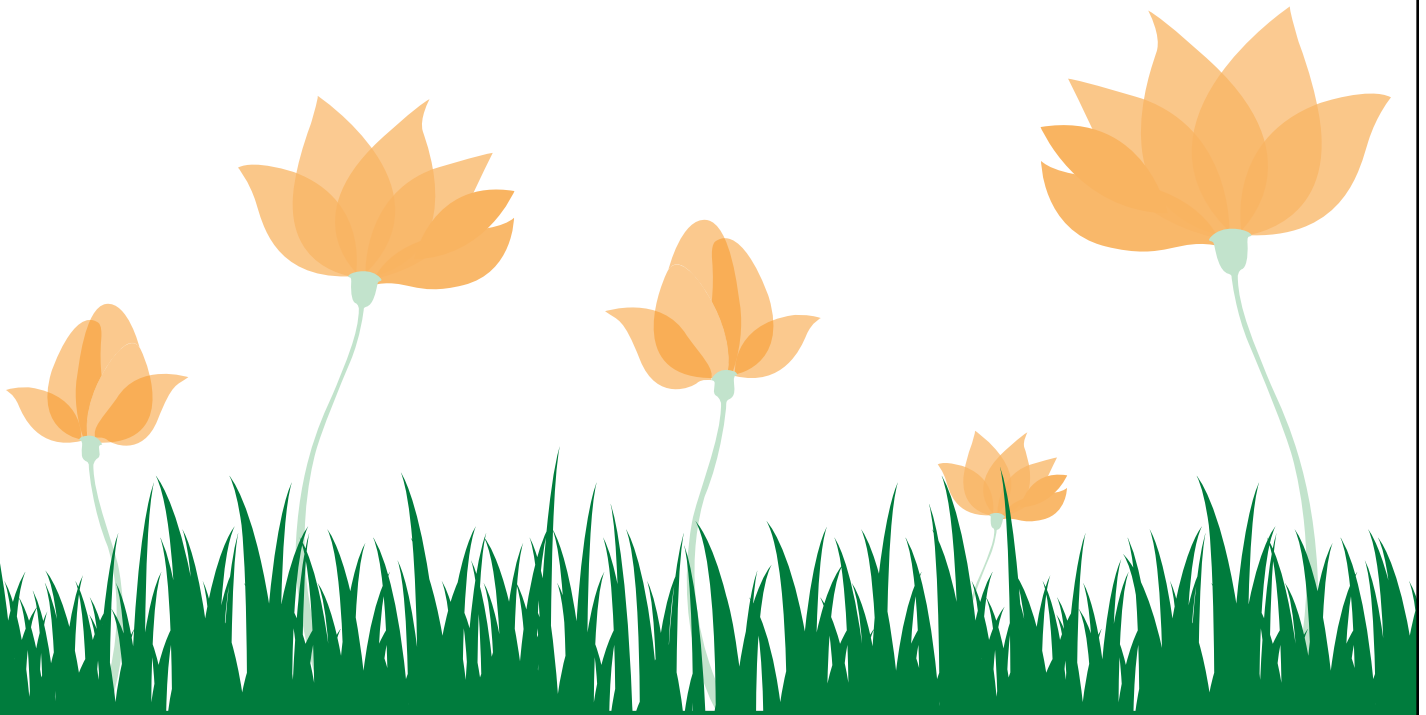
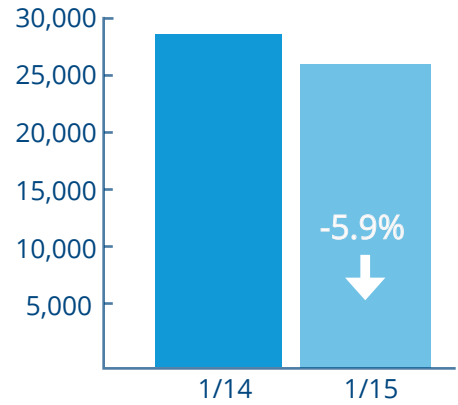
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Houston Family Arts Center Asks Audiences, 'What's Wrong With This Picture?' In 2015-2016

HFAC ANNOUNCES 10TH SEASON

"What's wrong with this picture?" is the playful theme and question attached to each show in Houston Family Arts Center's (HFAC) 2015-2016 season. Entering its 10th mainstage season, HFAC orchestrated a line-up of all-encompassing shows that highlight the theatre's award-winning musical expertise, all while enveloping theatre experiences full of odd, zany, mystical and dramatic turmoil audiences love.

The HFAC 2015-2016 season opens in hysterical chaos with Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor* followed by Stephen Sondheim's musical mixture of fairy tale treasures in *Into the Woods*. HFAC brings the classics to the holiday season with *It's a Wonderful Life*, then starts the new year in the 1950s with *Forever Plaid*. Soon after, and just in time for spring, a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit named Harvey will have audiences hopping, while the comedy *Damn Yankees* will bring out the inner baseball fan in us all. An incredible story of tragedy, deceit and the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart starts the summer season with Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus*. An audience favorite, *Footloose*, then closes the season with a classic tale of rock 'n' roll and teenage rebellion.

"Theatre teaches us a lot about human motivation," said Lisa Garza, Artistic Director for Houston Family Arts Center. "This season, we want to look at how one responds to unusual situations. Do you panic? Initiate evasive action? Or dig down deep and find the part of yourself that is willing to overcome obstacles at any cost?"

HOUSTON FAMILY ARTS CENTER'S 2015-2016 MAINSTAGE SEASON

Lend Me a Tenor, Sept. 4 - 27

Set in the 1930s, hysterical chaos on a truly operatic level ensues when a world-famous tenor presumably goes missing on the biggest night in the Cleveland Grand Opera's history. What follows is a series of slapstick fun sure to leave any audience teary-eyed with laughter. HFAC's rendition of Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor* runs Sept. 4 - Sept. 27.

Into the Woods, Oct. 16 - Nov. 8

The fairy tale classics of *Cinderella*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Rapunzel* and *Little Red Riding Hood* are weaved into an original, charming, musical tale of a couple's journey to break a wicked witch's curse. Will the baker and his wife be able to break the witch's spell? Bring the entire family and find out during the enchanted tale of *Into the Woods*, Oct. 16 - Nov. 8.

It's a Wonderful Life, Nov. 27 - Dec. 20

George Bailey spends his life giving up big dreams on behalf of his community. Overwhelmed by family obligations, George uncovers an opportunity to save his town but a mistake finds himself in a disparaging situation. Through his family and

community's prayers, George's guardian angel, Clarence, who hasn't earned his wings, takes George on a journey to discover his "wonderful life." Discover if Clarence earns his wings when this treasured, heart-warming holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, is brought to life on HFAC's Garza Mainstage from Nov. 27 - Dec. 20.

Forever Plaid, Jan. 29 - Feb. 21

On their way to see the Beatles' American debut on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, a quartet of high school friends' musical dreams begin and quickly end after a car crash involving a busload of Catholic schoolgirls. HFAC audiences will watch in musical amusement, Jan. 29 - Feb. 21, when "The Plaids" return from the afterlife for one final concert in *Forever Plaid*.

Harvey, March 11 - April 3

What do you get when you mix a polite and friendly man with a strange, six-foot-tall, invisible rabbit named Harvey? A sister who wants to commit her brother, but gets committed herself, and a town comically turned upside down on the search for a mild-mannered hero and his invisible friend. Harvey hops onto HFAC's Garza Mainstage just in time to celebrate Easter, March 11 - April 3.

Damn Yankees, April 22 - May 15

Aging baseball fan Joe Boyd makes a deal with the devil and gets transformed into a handsome, star baseball player who helps his favorite team, the Washington Senators, beat the Yankees in the World Series. Along his journey to make his beloved Senators world champions, Joe must resist all temptations, including the beautiful Lola. Will Lola get, what Lola wants? Will the Senators win the pennant? *Damn Yankees* "swings" onto HFAC's Garza Mainstage April 22 - May 15.

Amadeus, June 3 - June 26

Envy, scandal, comedy and murder are all intertwined in composer Antonio Salieri's quest to meet and ultimately destroy the brilliantly talented Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. During a chance encounter, Salieri discovers Mozart's personality doesn't match the extraordinary grace of his compositions. Upset that God gifted an ill-behaved man with such talent, Salieri makes it his mission to befriend and masquerade as Mozart's ally, all while attempting to destroy Mozart's reputation through a variety of sinister acts. HFAC's rendition of the Tony award-winning *Amadeus* runs June 30 - June 26 on HFAC's Garza Mainstage.

Footloose, July 15 - Aug. 7

The rebellious nature of a big-city teenager in competition with a Midwestern town minister wreaks havoc on a quiet southern town that abhors rock music and dancing. When the Chicago-born teen calls for a rock 'n' roll prom and the cultural

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revitalization of a repressed town, a fast-paced musical drama ensues. With the famous, memorable songs "Footloose" and "Let's Hear it for the Boy," Footloose dances into our hearts July 15 - Aug. 7.

ABOUT HOUSTON FAMILY ARTS CENTER

Houston Family Arts Center (HFAC), founded in 2005, is a not-for-profit performing arts and educational organization, with a passion for entertaining, enlightening and engaging audiences in Texas. Recent winner in seven categories for the Broadway World Houston Awards, HFAC has also been named Houston's "Best Gem of a Theater" by the Houston Press and "Best Arts and Entertainment" by the "Best of the Northwest" Readers' Choice awards. HFAC is a proud winner of the prestigious national American Association of Community Theatre Twink Lynch Organizational Award. HFAC produces a broad mix of classics, comedies, dramas, musicals and new works. Through its award-winning Actors Academy, HFAC offers acting, singing and dance classes, and performance opportunities for all ages. To purchase tickets, sign up for auditions or classes, or for more information, please visit www.houstonfac.com or call HFAC at 281-587-6100.



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UNDERSTANDING WATER QUALITY

FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Submitted by David Renniger

Question: What is the most common pollutant in the urban waterways of Harris County, Texas? (Answer below)

WATERSHEDS AND WATER QUALITY

Water quality describes physical and chemical parameters of surface water that impact both human and ecological health within a given watershed. A watershed is a geographic area where flowing water (and everything we put in it) drains into a larger common body of water. It can be the gutter system around your house that flows to the storm sewer, or an entire river basin that collects runoff from surrounding towns, roadways, and green spaces. Everyone lives in watershed. In Texas alone, there are 23 major river basin watersheds, each ultimately flowing into the Gulf of Mexico.

Understanding the relationship between water quality and human activity is the cornerstone of my own transformative experience in becoming NatureSmart. You see, I spent the majority of my career liberally applying pesticides and chemical control products to keep my demanding landscape clients happy and their gardens as green and pest-free as possible. Little did I know that most of these chemicals would eventually find their way into watersheds where they negatively affect everything from contact recreation and fishing areas, stream ecology, human health, and the safety of our drinking water.

IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

Water quality is determined by comparing levels of pollutants like sediment, nutrients, bacteria, and man-made chemicals against baseline levels in a watershed. While this monitoring activity is performed by regulatory agencies and trained experts, here are four areas where you can make a significant contribution to improving water quality in your watershed:

1. Landscapes

- Choose sustainable landscape practices

- Minimize exposed soil with vegetative cover
- Plant vegetative barriers to filter runoff and trap sediments
- Mulch lawn clippings
- Stop using pesticides and chemical fertilizers

2. Car Care

- Regularly check for fluid leaks
- Recycle used motor oil
- Wash vehicles at the car wash and not in the driveway

3. Paved Surfaces

- Sweep/blow driveways, sidewalks and roads
- Don't sweep/blow debris into storm drains
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces

4. Home Care

- Never pour anything down storm drains
- Carefully store and dispose of cleaners, chemicals, and oil
- Pick up pet waste
- Pump and inspect septic systems regularly

Unfortunately, most major streams in Harris County, Texas are listed on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's 303(d) list, which identifies impaired waters with higher than acceptable values for pollutants. The good news is that implementing the recommendations in these four areas of focus can make a difference and cost nothing more than a simple change in behavior.

The answer to our question: E.coli bacteria from fecal contamination is the number one cause of impaired waterways in Harris County, Texas. The bacteria is carried by stormwater runoff that flows into our creeks and streams. You can make an immediate impact by cleaning up pet waste and not allowing them to defecate near stormwater drainage areas.

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The Cypress Symphony hosts its 3rd Annual Fundraising Gala and Season Announcement Dinner presented by Clearwater Utilities at 5pm on April 26, 2015 at the Norris Conference Centers at CityCentre. The evening will include revealing all major works for the 2015/2016 season with introductions by season conductor Jerry Hou, returning after his enthralling performance in January.

Richard Dowling will perform an exclusive recital for gala attendees that will elegantly (or subtly) match the theme of the evening "Stardust" with an emphasis on evening jazz. A Texas native, Dowling is known best for his recordings of American Music and has won the hearts and recognition of many for his performances, including the Houston Tuesday Musical Club Competition and a sold out debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Dowling was the first soloist to appear with the Cypress Symphony in September 2013 at the inaugural concert.

Founder Caroline Ewan comments that "I am thrilled that the symphony is about to embark on its third season. Our mission to enrich and educate the community has the support it needs to expand not only the size of our orchestra, but also the number of communities that we are reaching. Our third season will be our first entre into these two areas. It is a historic and exciting time at the Cypress Symphony."

The Cypress Symphony, founded by 26-year-old Caroline Ewan, is receiving great support from the northwest Houston community for its energetic performances. The next concert is May 9th at 7PM at the Centrum under the baton of Bohuslav Rattay, Conductor of the El Paso Symphony. Kathy Winkler, violin professor from Rice University, will perform the wonderful "Lark Ascending" by Vaughan-Williams as well as "Appalachian Spring."

During the fundraising gala, there will be a silent auction presenting items from some of Houston's best cultural institutions and local artisans. Ms. Ewan and the administrative team will highlight the current status of the Cypress Symphony and present exciting new developments for the 2015/2016 season.

The gala will be held at Norris Conference Centers at CityCentre at 826 Town & Country Blvd, Suite 210, Houston, Texas 77024. Tickets for the gala can be purchased online at www.CypressSymphony.org or by calling (832) 766-0529. Individual seats for this exclusive event are \$60 with discounts for table purchases or priority seating. Additional tickets and upcoming concert information can be found online at:

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