



Welcomes you to

Legends of the Future V: Celebrating Sports Legends

Saturday, April 21, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

Hotel InterContinental Houston, Legends Ballroom

Loop 610 at San Felipe

Houston, Texas



Meherwan Boyce

Chairman

With great pleasure I welcome you to Virtuosi of Houston's fifth annual Gala – *Legends of the Future V: Celebrating Sports Legends*. This evening we salute a stellar group of athletes whose talent, professionalism, dedication and high standards of excellence resulted in great accomplishments throughout their careers. We have enjoyed many memorable performances by them on the field and in the court. Each of these sports legends is a source of inspiration and motivation for our future legends who, with your support, are working towards their dream of a professional career in music.

I would like to recognize our Gala Co-Chairs, Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Albina and Dr. & Mrs. Nadim Zacca; our Honorary Chairs Philanthropy, Mr. & Mrs. Nijad Fares; and our benefactor and generous supporter our Honorary Chair Corporate, Mr. Monzer Hourani, whose diligence and resourcefulness made this evening such a success. I would like to thank our honorary chairs, Sophie and Rudy Tomjanovich, for their support and our Legends– Bob Allen, Elvin Bethea, Mac Haik, Oliver Luck, Dan Pastorini, Robert Reid and Carl Warwick – for their involvement in tonight's celebration. We extend a special note of gratitude to Bob Allen for his enthusiastic willingness to serve as master of ceremonies. We also deeply appreciate our dedicated silent auction committee of parents, alumni parents, and our Gala volunteers for their valuable contribution of time, energy and skills.

I'm particularly delighted to welcome Monzer Hourani and Medistar to the Virtuosi family. Monzer's support as our Gala underwriter and newest board member is a magnificent gesture of faith in the mission of our organization.

We also thank MetroNational and all the foundations, corporations and individual donors for their continued support of our organization. Every organization is successful because of its volunteer base and Virtuosi is blessed with a wonderful dedicated group of volunteers who are also greatly appreciated.

Tonight is a celebration of excellence in sports and the arts. I trust that you will enjoy the special concert that our acclaimed artistic directors Franz Anton Krager and Andrzej Grabiec have prepared. We commissioned a new composition from Virtuosi's resident composer Dr. Robert Nelson, Professor of Composition, Moores School of Music, University of Houston to highlight this evening's theme.

On behalf of all of us with Virtuosi of Houston, I thank you for your presence this evening. Your support makes it possible for our young musicians to achieve their dreams of a legendary career filled with memorable performances.

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Welcome you to this glorious evening
Of music and fine dining with Sports Legends
celebrating our
Legends of the Future

Saturday April 21, 2007
Six o'clock in the evening
Hotel InterContinental Houston, Legends Ballroom
2222 West Loop South
Houston, Texas

Silent Auction and Cocktails *six o'clock in the evening*
Dinner and Concert *seven o'clock in the evening*
Presentation of *Virtuosi Sports Legends Awards*

*We thank you for your participation and support for the youth of
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in their endeavor to become world class musicians.*

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Hors D'oeuvres

*Selection of Ball Park Hors D'oeuvres
to include*

*International cheeses served with Select Crackers
Variety of Nachos
Mini Hot Dogs*

Dinner

*Chili en croûte accompanied by popcorn shrimp on a bed of
tortilla chips*

*Wellington of Filet Mignon with chicken and corn pâté
wrapped in Sourdough*

Chef Peter Laufer's special BBQ Sauce

Roasted Yukon Gold Potato wedges

Tobacco onion strings

Flan of celery, carrot and asparagus

Texas style biscuits with herb butter

Dessert & Coffee

*Chocolate trophy filled with chocolate mousse,
and chocolate decadence "sports" surprise*

accompanied by

Coffee and Cognac Ferrand

*This menu graciously created by Chef Peter Laufer
of the Hotel InterContinental
for this event.*

Program

National Anthem of the United States of America
*Colors presented by The Klein High School Air Force
Junior ROTC Honor Guard*

The Star Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key (1780-1843)

"Bugler's Dream" for Brass and Percussion
Leo Arnaud (1904-1991)

Les Patineurs (The Skaters Waltz)
Emil Waldteufel (1837-1915)

Chariots of Fire
Vangelis/Riley (b. 1943)

Hungarian Dance No. 5
Johannes Brahms/Schmeling (1833-1897)

The Olympic Spirit
John Williams (b.1932)

INTERMISSION

*Virtuosi Sports Medley
arr. Robert Nelson (b. 1941)*

- I. Wide World of Sports Fanfare
 - II. Are You Ready for Some Football?!
 - III. Mr. Touchdown USA
 - IV. Sweet Georgia Brown
 - V. Take Me Out to the Ballgame
 - VI. Theme from "Rocky"
- Narrator Robert Allen*

Casey at the Bat
Ernest L. Thayer & Robert Nelson (b.1947)
Narrator David Parker

Superman March
John Williams (b.1932)

*Field of Dreams
Robert Nelson (b.1941)

**Composed for this event. World premiere performance*



Mr. Bob Allen Sports Director ABC Channel 13

Bob Allen came to KTRK-TV (Channel 13) in 1974 as Weekend Sports Director and six months later was named Sports Director. He has the distinction of having the longest tenure of any major market sports anchor in the country. Over the years he has become involved with many local charities, but devotes much of his time to Special Olympics and The Sunshine Kids. He has served on the Board of Directors of both organizations, and was recognized with the highest honor given to a volunteer of Special Olympics, the Spirit of Special Olympics Award. He has won numerous awards and honors for his work, including several Best Sportscaster awards. In 2004 an independent poll published in the Houston Chronicle named him Houston's favorite sportscaster.

Mr. Elvin Bethea Former Defensive End Houston Oilers,
Pro Football Hall of Fame

Elvin Bethea is known as the greatest defensive player in Houston Oiler history. As an outstanding prospect from North Carolina A&T State University, he was the Oiler's third-round draft pick. He played a record 16 seasons (1968-1983) as defense end with the team. When he retired as a professional player in 1983, he owned the team record with eight Pro Bowl appearances and his uniform #65 was retired. After his football career, he joined the Anheuser Busch Corporation in Houston where he serves as Director of Government Affairs. He was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio in 2003.

Mr. Mac Haik Former Wide Receiver Houston Oilers

Mac Haik enjoyed a football career as an All-Southeastern Conference and All-American player at the University of Mississippi. As a wide receiver, he was a first round draft pick for the Houston Oilers in 1968. He may be best known for receiving the first touchdown pass in the Astrodome. After his football career, he went into real estate development and then branched out to the auto industry, building his first dealership in 1980. Today he is a successful entrepreneur and focuses many of his numerous community efforts on young people and health care. In 2001, he was inducted in the University of Mississippi Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Oliver Luck Chief Executive Officer Houston Dynamos,
Former Quarter Back Houston Oilers

Oliver Luck played as a quarterback for West Virginia University where he led the Mountaineers to a victory in the 1981 Peach Bowl. In 1982 he was selected in the second round of the NFL draft by the Houston Oilers and went on to play five seasons with the club. After retiring from football, he practiced law in Germany and became general manager of the Frankfurt Galaxy (World League of American Football) and in 1995 became general manager of the Rhein Fire (NFL Europe). He was named League President the following year. In December 2001, he was appointed CEO of the Houston Sports Authority until 2005 when he was named team president and general manager of the Houston Dynamo of Major League Soccer. He was recently named to the Academic All-American Hall of Fame. He is actively involved as a coach for youth sports.

Mr. Dan Pastorini Former Quarter Back Houston Oilers

Dan Pastorini was drafted out of Santa Clara University by the Houston

Oilers in the first round (third overall) in the 1971 NFL draft. As the starting quarterback for 9 years with the Oilers, in 1978 and 1979, he led the Oilers to the AFC Championship games. He went on to play for the Oakland Raiders, LA Rams and Philadelphia Eagles. In 1974 he was selected to play in the coveted NFL Pro Bowl, throwing a 74-yard touchdown pass. He retired from football in 1984. Pastorini is in an elite group of professional athletes who have had outstanding careers in two sports. As one of the most popular drivers on the NHRA Top Fuel Circuit, he won his first National event at the NHRA Southern Nationals in 1986 and finished seventh in the NHRA Championship Points. While quarterbacking for the Oilers, he also set four world records in unlimited drag boat racing.

Mr. Rudy Tomjanovich Former Houston Rockets Player & Head
Coach

Rudy Tomjanovich spent 34 seasons with the Houston Rockets as a player, assistant coach, head coach and personnel consultant. His entire NBA playing career was with the Rockets (1970-1981). The following year, the Rockets retired his jersey (#45). In his first full season as head coach (1992-93), he guided the Rockets to a division title, making him the first NBA head coach to ever take a team from the lottery to a division title in one full season. During his 12 years as head coach, he guided the Rockets to two division titles and two NBA Championships in 1994 and 1995. His coaching career includes head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers (a position he held for a short time because of health issues), coach for the US Senior National Team and coach for the 2000 Summer Olympics where he guided the US team to a gold medal and an undefeated record in Sydney. In February of 2006, he was named director of scouting for USA Men's Basketball.

Mr. Robert Reid Former Forward Guard Houston Rockets

Robert Reid, drafted from St. Mary's University in Texas, played 13 seasons (1977-1982 and 1983-1991) in the NBA as a member of the Houston Rockets, Charlotte Hornets, Portland Trail Blazers, and Philadelphia 76ers.

His best overall season was in 1980-81, when he was the second leading scorer on the Rockets team that reached the NBA Finals before losing to the Boston Celtics. When he retired as a player in 1991, Reid had tallied 10,448 career points, 4,168 career rebounds, and 2,500 career assists. In recent years, Reid has hosted basketball clinics for young athletes throughout the world, most recently in India.

Carl W. Warwick Former Major League Outfielder

Carl W. Warwick, originally from Dallas, had a six-year career as a major league outfielder. He made his MLB debut in April, 1961 with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He also played for the St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Colt .45s (now the Astros), Baltimore Orioles and Chicago Cubs. He came to Houston from St. Louis in a trade early in Houston's inaugural 1962 season. Of his 530 MLB games, 280 were spent in Houston. He was a member of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals in 1964, a series in which he tied a World Series pinch-hitting record. When he retired as a player in 1966 he founded his company, Carl Warwick and Associates, a real estate investment company. He is a board member of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority. He is a member of the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame and the TCU Baseball Hall of Fame.

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What Artists and Educators Say About Virtuosi of Houston

"In these turbulent times we need the language of music to create an oasis of calm in the harried world we live in. Music builds bridges and opens doors.

We need to support these young musicians who, despite the call of the electric and fast paces world they will inherit, still want to take the time to learn to play beautiful music."

Zubin Mehta, *Honorary Chairperson of the "Legends of the Future" Annual Gala, May 2003*

"Virtuosi of Houston provides a terrific educational opportunity for young people to play in a very special youth chamber orchestra. Because of its smaller size, the orchestra offers a unique experience for the kids – not only to work on music such as Haydn, Mozart and Mendelssohn, which is not played by larger youth orchestras, but also to provide a more intimate music-making experience with more direct contact between the orchestra members and with the conductors. I believe that one of the keys to the survival of classical music lies with the youth of today, and organizations such as Virtuosi of Houston which are absolutely essential to this end."

Rebecca Miller, *American Conducting Fellow, Houston Symphony and guest conductor for Virtuosi of Houston*

"Virtuosi of Houston is a first rate organization, and one that many of my students here at HSPVA have performed with over the years. I encourage my students to perform with Virtuosi because they gain insight from the excellent leadership of Maestros Krager and Grabiec, exposure to new and interesting repertoire, and they return to my program as better performers. Obviously, I am impressed with this organization and the role it serves for the musical youth of Houston. It is only with the support of the community, students, teachers, parents, foundations, and schools that an organization like Virtuosi can flourish."

Dr. Clifton Evans, *Director of Orchestra and Chamber Music, HSPVA*

"Virtuosi of Houston has provided an incredible opportunity for my students to grow and advance beyond the classroom. The exposure to great literature, instruction from recognized college faculty members, and the high standards of performance have enabled the students to perfect and then progress beyond the skills and training offered in school."

Karen Kline, *Orchestra Director, Houston Christian High School*

"As a private viola teacher, I have had students participate in Virtuosi of Houston. As a teacher, I have observed the impact on the music education of these students. The Virtuosi repertoire is unlike anything they play in their school programs. It has been a great learning experience for these students. As music educators, we are very fortunate to have such a strong program for young musicians in Houston."

John Randolph, *Viola Teacher*

"With many of your students headed to the best music schools and conservatories around the country, you are providing them with tools that will last their entire careers. Best wishes for your continued success. The Houston Symphony looks forward to its next opportunity to work with your students."

Roger Daily, *Director of Education and Outreach, Houston Symphony*



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