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## Lone Star Symphonic Band Announces New Music Director, Celebrates Milestone Season

September 12<sup>th</sup> 2007. Houston, Texas. The 2007 – 2008 concert season for the Lone Star Symphonic Band will be one to remember. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Lone Star Symphonic Band hired Mr. Robert Bryant as its ninth Music Director. This season also marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season of the Lone Star Symphonic Band.

Mr. Bryant is currently in his 8<sup>th</sup> year as the Executive Director of Fine Arts for Katy Independent School District. Prior to this position, Mr. Bryant served as Director of Bands and Fine Arts Department Chairman at Katy High School for 17 years. Before coming to Katy, he served as Director of Bands in Lamesa, Texas and Sudan, Texas. Throughout his 26 year teaching tenure, bands under the direction of Mr. Bryant earned numerous Texas UIL Sweepstakes Awards, by earning Division I (Superior) ratings in marching, concert, and sight reading competitions. The Katy High School Band Program received “Outstanding Instrumental Program” honors at New Orleans and Nashville. On June 10, 2000, under the direction of Mr. Bryant, the Katy High School Symphonic Band presented a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City, New York.

Mr. Bryant received his Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, where he studied with Mr. Dean Killion. He also received the Master of Music Education Degree from Texas Tech University under the tutelage of Mr. James Sudduth. Mr. Bryant has served as a member of the State Board for the Texas Music Educators Association, continues to serve as a member of state committees for TMEA and the Texas Music Administrators Conference. He has served two terms as a member of the Committee on Standards and Performance Practices for TMAA, and is a member of state University Interscholastic League and Texas Education Agency committees regarding music education and competition. He is an active member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, National Band Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Music Administrators Conference, and the Phi Beta Mu – Alpha Chapter professional band fraternity. He also fulfills a busy schedule as a clinician and adjudicator throughout Texas and Louisiana.

The 2007 – 2008 season also marks a milestone season for the Band, as it is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of performing quality concerts for the Houston Metropolitan area. The Band formed in 1993 as the West Houston Concert Band, as a continuing education class for the Katy Independent School District. In November 2002, the band re-organized as Lone Star Symphonic Band to garner a larger audience base. In celebration of this milestone, the Band will perform a special 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert in the Spring of 2008. Concert date, performance time, and location will be updated on the Band’s website as the final plans for the concert are confirmed. The Lone Star Symphonic Band will pay tribute to its Past Conductors, Past Presidents, Past Band Members, and Guests of Honor at the Anniversary Concert.

The Lone Star Symphonic Band is an adult semi-professional wind ensemble dedicated to bringing performances of artistic merit to the Houston area community. Founded in 1993 as the West Houston Concert Band, the band is comprised of musicians from all walks of life and instills the value that music is a life-long event, continuing well beyond high school and college, and awards the Jon K. Fisher Memorial Scholarship to students majoring in Music. In the summer of 2005, the Band entered into a joint venture with Houston Community College – Town and Country Campus, offering the band as a course for credit to HCC students interested in performing with an ensemble. The Band is under the direction of Mr. Robert Bryant.

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