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KATY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS TO HOST LONE STAR SYMPHONIC BAND

February 1st, 2008. Houston, Texas. The Katy High School Band Program, under the direction of Mr. Terry Gorton, will host the Lone Star Symphonic Band for an upcoming concert on March 9th, 2008. The concert, titled *Music for Spring*, will begin at 5:00 pm in Katy High School's Performing Arts Center, located at 6331 Highway Blvd in Katy. Tickets for the concert are \$5 each, and can be purchased by calling the Lone Star Symphonic Band Information line at 713-893-5026, or can be purchased at the door the day of the concert.

Selections to be performed include *Irish Tune from County Derry* by Percy Grainger, *Easter Monday on the White House Lawn* by John Philip Sousa, *Hounds of Spring* by Alfred Reed, *Four Scottish Dances* by Malcolm Arnold, and *Shenandoah* by Frank Ticheli.

The 2007 – 2008 season also marks a milestone season for the Band, as it is celebrating its 15th Anniversary of performing quality concerts for the Houston Metropolitan area. The Band formed in 1993 as a continuing education class for the Katy Independent School District, later branching out on its own, becoming a non-profit entity. In November 2002, the band re-organized as Lone Star Symphonic Band to garner a larger audience base.

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. Bob Bryant.

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