

PRESS RELEASE
Concert
Houston Symphonic Band

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The 2007-2008 Foundry Performance Series presents a Christmas concert by The Houston Symphonic Band "O Come, All Ye Faithful" on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 8:00pm. The concert is free, but guests are encouraged to bring gently used toys and clothing (children and women's) to benefit the Gloria por Cenizas in Guatemala. This project offers women and children a safe place from abusive relationships or a life on the streets. While with Gloria por Cenizas, each lady is provided the opportunity to learn new life skills that will allow them to provide for their families while the children continue their education.

Savor the peace of the holiday season and enjoy your favorite Christmas carols as the Houston Symphonic Band puts you in a holiday frame of mind. Smile, laugh, and (perhaps?) even sing along at this annual Foundry and HSB event. Come early because seats fill quickly any time this fabulous ensemble performs!

The HSB will perform many holiday favorites, including *Sleigh Ride*, *A Christmas Festival*, *Carol of the Bells*, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and Robert W. Smith's *Lullaby Carols*, a stirring arrangement of *What Child Is This*.

The Houston Symphonic Band is one of the country's premier volunteer concert bands and is directed by Robert McElroy. Formed in the fall of 1985, the band has grown to include 75-100 of the Houston area's top musicians. Many of the players are applied music teachers, band directors and performers but most are highly talented musicians whose daily lives have them working as doctors, lawyers, housewives, computer engineers and in dozens of other occupations. The common bond among the players is a shared love for making music and a work ethic that results in performances at the highest levels of sophistication.

Foundry is located in N.W. Houston, two blocks north of 290 at 8350 Jones Road.