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HOUSTON'S *Fabulous* GAY WEDDING



OFFICIATED BY GAY HIGH PRIESTESS

IRONICA LEIGH DA BARGE

OCT 17, 2015 | 3PM | RESURRECTION MCC



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In memory of Connie Moore and Beverly McGimsey

The Houston Pride Band has lost two beautiful ladies this year, Connie Moore and Beverly McGimsey. Although their lives can never be fully expressed in mere words, we would like to share these thoughts with you, our faithful audience.

Connie Moore played Alto Saxophone with The Houston Pride band for decades. She brought more than just music to our “small but hardy band”. She always had a witty humor that was sure to put a smile on everyone’s face.

Connie and her wife Debbie had an open door policy at their home in Galveston. Most meetings with friends and family were held in Connie’s kitchen. In the evenings, the meetings were moved to her lagoon where you were sure to find lots of laughter and love.



Beverly McGimsey and Connie Moore

Connie was very involved at the national level with the Lesbian and Gay Band Association. She is loved by all and was recognized with the “Pillar of Pride” Award this August at the 2015 LGBA conference in Indianapolis, singifying her importance to the LGBA.

Beverly McGimsey passed away on October 1, 2015. Her musical abilities were inspired by the performances of community bands in the Houston area. She especially enjoyed attending performances of the Houston Pride Band where her husband was a member. She

had many friends in the Band and attended most of the Band’s after concert parties.

Beverly could do anything she set her mind to. She decided to take up playing the clarinet again, having not played since high school. She took lessons at the Rice Shepherd School of Music and performed her required solo, Mozart’s Concerto for Clarinet, in Duncan Recital Hall at Rice. Later she substituted in the Galveston Symphony, played in her church orchestra and the church clarinet choir. And she taught clarinet in the Energy City Horizon Band. She says her happiest days were when she was involved in music. The Houston Pride Band’s music and friendships played a major role in her desire to take up the clarinet again. We will all miss seeing her at our concerts.

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OUR WEDDING CEREMONY
OCTOBER 17, 2015

Officiated by
Ironica Leigh da Barge, Gay High Priestess

Program Order
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach, arr. Alfred Reed

"Triumphal March" from *Aida*
Giuseppe Verdi, arr. Douglas Richard

"Bridal Chorus" from *Lohengrin*
Richard Wagner, edited Canadian Brass

"The Flower Duet" from *Lakmé*
Leo Delibes arr. Jerry Brubaker
William Fu, clarinet & Adrian Leyva, saxophone

"Wedding March" from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, trans. Wil van der Beek



Please join us for a reception following the ceremony

RECEPTION



Ironica Leigh da Barge

Fabulous Drag Queen of Houston, Reception DJ

Program Order

Dancing Queen

Andersson & Ulvaeus, arr. Jerry Brubaker

I Gotta Feeling

Adams, Pineda, Gomez, Ferguson, & Guetta, arr. Michael Brown

Cupid Shuffle

Bryson Bernard, arr. Johnnie Vinson

Uptown Funk!

Ronson, Mars, Lawrence, Bhasker, & Williams, arr. Jay Bocook

Can't Help Falling in Love

Weiss, Peretti, & Careatore, arr. James Swearingen

Alex Stutler, vocalist

Disco Lives!

arr. Johnnie Vinson

We are Family

Edwards & Rodgers, arr. Roland Barrett



Directors & Guests

Michael Roberts, Artistic Director



Originally from Van Buren, Arkansas, Mr. Roberts attended West Texas A & M University where he studied conducting with Dr. Gary Garner & Mr. Don Lefevre. He received a bachelor's degree in music education double instrumental emphasis on Saxophone and Oboe. He has also earned hours towards a masters degree in Instrumental Conducting at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, studying with Dr. Jack Stamp. In addition to his conducting experiences with university and community ensembles, he has been an instrumental performer in various community ensembles throughout Arkansas, Texas, and Pennsylvania on Saxophone and Oboe.

During his years of teaching, Mr. Roberts has taught at both the middle school and high school levels. Bands under his direction enjoy much success around the state and country. Currently a music educator in the public schools, he is also an active adjudicator and clinician at various contests and festivals. He is an alumnus of Kappa Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Alpha Chi. He is a member of the Texas Bandmasters Association and Texas Music Educators Association.

Deborah Hirsch, Assistant Director



Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Deborah Hirsch graduated from the University of Kansas with Bachelor degrees in Music Therapy and Music Education and earned a Master of Music degree at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Deborah is completing her 37th year as a band director in the Pasadena

Independent School District where bands under her direction have performed and competed successfully at the Texas Renaissance Festival, Texas UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest, Solo and Ensemble Contest and Region Band competitions. The band was selected 3 times to perform at the state capitol for Arts Education Day and has performed the national anthem for 22 consecutive years for the Houston Astros. Deborah was named "Teacher of the Year" in 2014 and is an active member of Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association and Texas Music Adjudicators Association. She is also a member of the chancel choir at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church and a board member of Pasadena Little Theater. Deborah is honored to be joining the Houston Pride Band as the new Assistant Artistic Director and looks forward to making music with this talented group of musicians next season!

Ironica Leigh da Barge, Officiant



Ironica Leigh da Barge has been a drag performer in the Houston area for nearly 4 years. She is known for her campy performances, comedy numbers, and a bold, line-crossing sense of humor. Recently nominated by Outsmart Magazine's Gayest and Greatest Readers' Choice Awards 2015 (and though she didn't win, she plans to hire Kanye to interrupt whoever did!), Ironica co-hosts "Bring It!" the weekly talent competition at F Bar. She's also recently accepted the role of Dr. Frank N. Furter in River Oaks' shadow cast for The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

When she's not performing and hosting, Ironica is known as Jonny Lessard and loves reading, playing guitar, and supporting her boyfriend's creativity in music. They're still debating which one of them gets to propose first.

Party of the Bride

Flute & Piccolo

Miles Davis
Aaron Reines
Sal Stow*
Joseph Tidline

Oboe

Hunter Cauble
Lupe Ybarra

Bassoon

David DiCamillo
Rolando Rodriguez
Becky Schlembach*

Clarinet

Kacey Baccus
Joe Dombrowski
William Fu
Elyse Heob
Adam Hile
Artezia Luna
Rudy Martinez*
Francisco Mendez

Bass Clarinet

Jon Hernandez

Alto Saxophone

Sandra Andrade
Christina De Leon
Adrian Leyva
Christy McKinney

Tenor Saxophone

David Richardson
Kevin Taylor*

Baritone Saxophone

Lisa Mace

Party of the Groom

Trumpet

Mary Beth Alsdorf
Brandon Bates
Frankie Buccio
Christopher Hodge*
Jennifer Watts
Brooke Yahney

Horn

Jaunetta Cooper
Patrick Hanley
Justin Madden-Rhinehart
Alexa Thibodeaux

Trombone

Trudy Allen*
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Euphonium

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Tuba

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* indicates Section Leaders

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Officiant

Ironica Leigh da Barge

Female Couple

Autumn Espinoza
Stacey Kilsby

Male Couple

Michael Moore
Kenneth Regan-Ybarra

Witnesses

Mandy Billings
Shawn Borderding

Vocalist

Alex Stutler

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our story

Serving as a community band in Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, the Houston Pride Band has several groups that perform at community events throughout the year as well as concerts and parades. We also provide a fun social experience for musicians.

The Houston Pride Band has a proud history spanning three decades. Originally known as the Montrose Marching Band, the organization was formed by a small group of musicians in 1978 as a way to make new friends and to provide entertainment for Houston's gay and lesbian community.

The Houston Pride Band is a member of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association (LGBA), a national musical organization made up of over twenty-five bands across the nation and around the world. With LGBA, members of the Houston Pride Band have been able to participate at every Gay Games, several Presidential Inaugurations, and conferences throughout the world.

mission

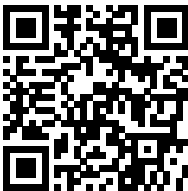
The mission of the Houston Pride Band is:

- To advocate for the GLBT community by promoting knowledge and understanding through music.
- To provide opportunities for high caliber musical performances for the GLBT community and beyond.
- To provide a welcoming and comfortable musical outlet for GLBT and GLBT-friendly wind, brass and percussion players.
- To support and raise awareness for causes which are important to the GLBT community.

membership + rehearsals

The Houston Pride Band is open to all brass, woodwind, and percussion players. We welcome musicians of all skill levels. The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Bethel United Church of Christ, 1107 Shepherd Drive (near Washington).

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The Lesbian and Gay Band Association (LGBA) is a musical organization comprised of concert and marching bands from cities across the United States and the world.

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houston pride band

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Connie Moore
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