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Visit www.AFATexas.org for information on all AFA programs:

- AFA Summer Music Conservatory
- AFA Academy
- AFA Concert Series

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Instrumentalists

CHAMBER MUSIC

The **Academy Chamber Music** program offers year-round chamber music training and music theory instruction that feature instructors who are among Houston's finest professional musicians and educators — many of whom come to AFA through our collaboration with the *Da Camera of Houston Young Artist Program*.

- Open to all orchestral and jazz instrumentalists and pianists who have at least one to two years performance experience
- Weekly meetings include chamber music coaching and rehearsal as well as instruction in music theory
- Weekly meetings take place on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings, Saturday mornings, or Saturday afternoons

Composers

COMPOSER INSTITUTE

The **Composer Institute** offers high school age composers an unparalleled opportunity to workshop and refine original compositions with the assistance of young performers from the *Da Camera of Houston Young Artist Program*, the *Houston Grand Opera High School Voice Studio* and the *Houston Ballet Ben Stevenson Academy*.

- Open to composers in 8-12th grade
- Weekly meetings are held on Saturdays from January-May that include group master classes, composition instruction, and performance workshops
- Includes recordings of student works



Vocalists

HOUSTON GIRLS CHORUS

Presented in collaboration with *Houston Grand Opera HGOco*, the **Houston Girls Chorus** is an outstanding opportunity for young women in grades 7-12 to participate in the shared study of choral and vocal repertory. HGC promotes leadership, teamwork and personal growth through music — thereby helping young women succeed both in music and in life.

- Open to 7th-12th grade girls
- Repertory includes the study of a wide variety of choral works
- Weekly meetings begin in September, 2011



Education and Outreach

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

AFA's **Education and Outreach** programs allow us to extend many of our year-round offerings to in-school residencies — providing meaningful, long-term interaction with professional musicians. In 2010-11, AFA hosted a jazz residency at Jackson Middle School, led a songwriters workshop at Johnston Middle School and sponsored the composition club at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Further residencies in chamber music and composition are planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Please contact AFA for additional information or if you would like to discuss hosting AFA programs at your campus.



AFA'S MISSION

Founded in 1993 by Houston composer and arts advocate J. Todd Frazier, American Festival for the Arts (AFA) provides high quality, community-based music education programs and performance opportunities for as many as five hundred young people every year and, through its concert series and outreach, seeks to broaden the audience for American works and the Classical music repertory.

The **AFA Scholarship Enrichment Fund** provides students with both need-based tuition and transportation assistance to ensure that any student who wants to participate in AFA programs has the opportunity do so, regardless of their socio-economic background.

AFA's signature program, the **Summer Music Conservatory**, is acclaimed as one of Texas' finest opportunities for young musicians from throughout Southeast Texas. Featuring programs in orchestra, piano, choir, jazz, and composition, the Summer Music Conservatory enrolls hundreds of fourth through twelfth grade students every year.

HOW TO APPLY

AFA is dedicated to ensuring that all qualified and motivated young musicians have an opportunity to participate. Interested students should visit www.AFATexas.org to fill out an online application, schedule an audition, and apply for scholarship assistance if needed.

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