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*Patricia F. Bonner*

THE 2011 RECIPIENT OF

*The Frazier Merriman Award*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011

11:30 AM - DOORS OPEN

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## *The Frazier Merriman Award*

The Frazier Merriman Award is presented every other year by American Festival for the Arts to honor a person or organization that has had a significant impact on arts education in Houston and AFA's arts education legacy.

This award is named in honor of the Frazier and Merriman families for their generous support of AFA. The Frazier and Merriman families are founding patrons of AFA and include AFA Founder, J. Todd Frazier.

### *Patricia F. Bonner*

The 2011 recipient of The Frazier Merriman Award is Patricia F. Bonner, Head of the Music Department at Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Ms. Bonner, a native Houstonian, is one of Texas' strongest advocates for arts education in our schools and has been a long time friend, loyal supporter, and Advisory Board member of AFA. She is an alumna of Booker T. Washington High School and the University of Houston, where she earned both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees. Ms. Bonner is the recipient of many awards, including HSPVA's Teacher of the Year (1983), the Price-Waterhouse Denny Award for Teaching Excellence (1993) and the Presidential Scholars Teacher Recognition Award (1998 and 2000). Her advice and recommendations have contributed greatly to the success of AFA's High School Choral and Vocal program, celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2012, and to the launch of AFA's Middle School Choral program, celebrating five years.



## *American Festival for the Arts*

Our model is unique because our philosophy is specific. *American Festival for the Arts (AFA)* provides extraordinary music education for youth, assembles renowned faculty who have a passion for teaching, offers challenging programs that help students broaden their skills, and provides performance opportunities that benefit the entire community. Our comprehensive approach makes musical development and accomplishment a foundation for learning and growth that impacts every area of our students' lives.

Since 1993, AFA has been training young musicians from across Southeast Texas through challenging musical experiences with a broad, in-depth curriculum. Each year, the *AFA Summer Music Conservatory* serves 300+ instrumentalists, vocalists, pianists and composers from 100+ area schools. The *AFA Academy* which includes *Chamber Music*, the *Houston Girls Chorus* and the *Composer Institute* are year-round programs that provide additional experience under the instruction of Houston's finest professional musicians and educators. Collaborations with leading local arts organizations including Houston Grand Opera HGOco, Houston Ballet's Ben Stevenson Academy and Da Camera of Houston's Young Artist Program ensure the highest quality experiences for our students. Rooted in our community, we are committed to providing extraordinary artistic experiences for students and audiences alike.

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*The Frazier Merriman Award Luncheon*

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