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**CONROE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
PRESENTS
“THE ROMANCE OF THE SYMPHONY ”
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7:30 P.M.**

Featuring Christopher Lucas, Marimba Soloist

CONROE, TX – A guest artist will join the **Conroe Symphony Orchestra** for “The Romance of the Symphony” concert at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012** at **The Ark Church**, 450 Humble Tank Road, Wilson/105 Exit off I-45, in Conroe.

The Symphony, currently in its 15th season, will be under the direction of Music Director and Conductor **Dr. Don Hutson**. Following the traditional **Star Spangled Banner**, the evening begins with two movements from **L’Oiseau De Feu** (The Firebird) by Igor Stravisnki. This beautiful ballet from 1910 is based on Russian folk tales of a magical bird that is captured and the subsequent adventures. Following the two pieces is the recognized Four Seasons movement **Spring**, by Antonio Vivaldi.

Next on the “Romance of the Symphony” program is the appropriate **I Knew I Loved You** by Italian composer and conductor Ennio Morricone, who wrote music for over 500 film and tv series in his career.

Following a brief intermission, the Conroe Symphony Orchestra continues with **Somewhere In Time** by John Barry. A five-time Academy Award winner, John Barry was also nominated for a Golden Globe for best original score for the 1980 film Somewhere In Time.

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Marimba Soloist **Christopher Lucas** rounds out the evening with the Conroe Symphony Orchestra to perform **Violin Concerto in A Minor** by J.S. Bach.

Christopher Lucas was born on March 6, 1991 in Houston. He has been a percussionist since the age of 12 and has performed with world renowned percussionists Mark Ford and Bob Becker. Christopher is currently pursuing a degree in Music Education under Dr. John Lane and Chris Riggs at Sam Houston State University. Last year, Christopher received second place at the Young Texas Artist Music Competition. Christopher is part of the Bearkat Marching Band, Percussion Group, and the Symphonic Band at Sam Houston State University.

An evening enjoyed by all ages with the sounds of the Conroe Symphony Orchestra!

TICKET AND VENUE INFORMATION

The Conroe Symphony Orchestra performs at **The Ark Church**, located at 450 Humble Tank Road, Wilson/105 exit off I-45 in Conroe. Tickets for individual concerts are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under, with special rates available for groups of 10 or more. Season tickets are still available (prorated) for the rest of the concert series which include entrance to the rest of the three remaining concerts of the season and two free tickets for any one concert of your choice. The ticket office is open 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday at the **Conroe Symphony Centre**, 1500 N Frazier #3, in Conroe. Tickets may also be ordered by calling the Symphony Centre at **936-760-2144**. Tickets for the performances will be available at the door prior to each concert.

MORE ABOUT THE CONROE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

The Conroe Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1997 by Herb Armentrout, Concertmaster Mary Curtis Taylor, and Mark Multop. Since its inception, the Symphony has continued under the baton of several fine musicians including Dr. Robert Zwick, and most recently, Dr. Don Hutson. The Conroe Symphony Orchestra was created "...to add to the cultural enrichment of the community, assuring a better quality of life for the Conroe area." Our objective is to provide you with the best possible musical experience, while showcasing the talent and hard work of our area musicians.

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MORE ABOUT DR. DON HUTSON:

Dr. Don Hutson is in his sixth season as Music Director and Conductor of the Conroe Symphony Orchestra, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. With his high-energy and casual demeanor, Dr. Hutson's appointment has been met with great excitement by orchestra and audience members alike. He holds a doctorate in musical arts and has twelve years of teaching experience. In addition to his musical interests, Dr. Hutson teaches a seminar, "The Cowboy Solution" which uses horses of different training levels and abilities to demonstrate to educators, administrators and parents the importance of building partnerships based on communication, trust and mutual respect.

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