

NEWS & NOTES



PARTNERING FOR THE ARTS

HGOco attended the annual Houston Arts Partners (HAP) conference September 9–10 to meet area teachers and show how its programs can benefit their students.

As a donation to the raffle, HGOco provided a \$250 gift certificate to be used towards its educational programming, which includes a wide variety of activities for students of all ages. HISD's Judd M. Lewis Elementary School won the gift certificate. According to HGOco Director Carleen Graham, Lewis Elementary teachers expressed special interest in HGOco's Storybook Opera and Opera to Go! programs.

HGOco Director Carleen Graham (far left) and HGOco Education Manager Kathleen Staten (far right) with Lewis Elementary School Assistant Principal Alvaro Montelongo and teachers Alexandria Morgan and Samara Martinez.

LIVING THE DREAM

Seven high school seniors—the members of HGO's 2016–17 Bauer Family High School Voice Studio—are just beginning a year of intensive training that will help make their dreams of a career in vocal music come true.

Throughout the coming season, the members, selected by audition, will receive weekly private voice lessons with HGO staff and monthly master classes with visiting artists and teachers. They'll attend rehearsals and performances at HGO—and they'll perform themselves, in two public recitals. The goal is to prepare them for the college/conservatory audition process.

The first recital will be held on Sunday, January 15, at the Wortham Theater Center, and the second on May 15 at Dudley Recital Hall, University of Houston. The latter recital is adjudicated, with scholarships awarded to defray college expenses for the first, second, and third place winners.



From left: Keaton Brown, High School for the Performing and Visual Arts; Emily Cousins, Kingwood H.S.; Audrey Walsh, St. Agnes Academy; Shreya Bhadriraju, Elkins H.S.; Christina Little, James E. Taylor H.S.; Nadjalie Santos, Sam Rayburn H.S.; and Caleb Drew, Clear Brook H.S.