

Inauguration Ceremony

*for the
Honorable Mayor of Houston
Sylvester Turner*

*the
Honorable City Controller
Chris Brown
and the
Honorable City Council*

Monday, January 4, 2016

9:30 a.m.

*Jesse H. Jones Hall
for the Performing Arts
615 Louisiana Street*

Inauguration Program

PERFORMANCES BY

THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY

GUEST CONDUCTOR, CHELSEA TIPTON, II

4-TIME GRAMMY® AWARD WINNER, YOLANDA ADAMS

THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE
PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS CHORUS

THE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS CHOIR

CARVER HIGH SCHOOL DANCE DEPARTMENT

Mistress of Ceremonies

CHAU NGUYEN

John Williams – Liberty Fanfare

THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY

Presentation of Colors

HOUSTON POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS

JOINT HONOR GUARD

Pledge of Allegiance

THE RIVER PERFORMANCE TROUPE

The National Anthem

YOLANDA ADAMS AND COMBINED CHORUS

Lift Every Voice and Sing

COMBINED CHORUS

Invocation

PASTOR RALPH DOUGLAS WEST

BROOKHOLLOW BAPTIST CHURCH

Swearing – In Ceremonies

Mayor

Syloester Turner

City Controller

Chris Brown

Presided by the Honorable Vanessa D. Gilmore

United States District Judge

Southern District of Texas

City Council

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Mayor, City of Houston

Brenda Stardig District A

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Larry V. Green District K

Mike Knox At-Large Position 1

David W. Robinson At-Large Position 2

Michael Kubosh At-Large Position 3

Amanda Edwards At-Large Position 4

Jack Christie At-Large Position 5

Program Continued

Never Give Up
YOLANDA ADAMS

Inaugural Address
THE HONORABLE SYLVESTER TURNER
MAYOR, CITY OF HOUSTON

Inaugural Prayer
IMAM WAZIR ALI,
HOUSTON MASJID WARITHUDDEN MOHAMMED
RABBI DAVID LYON, CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

Danzon No. 2
THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY
CARVER HIGH SCHOOL DANCE DEPARTMENT

Finale
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Inaugural Participants

The Houston Symphony

The Houston Symphony continues in its second century as one of America's leading orchestras. It is one of the oldest performing arts organizations in Texas with an ensemble of 87 professional musicians and 4 community-embedded musicians. They are the largest performing arts organization in Houston, presenting more than 300 performances for 400,000 people, including 97,000 children, annually.

Chelsea Tipton, II, Guest Conductor, The Houston Symphony

American conductor Chelsea Tipton, II has won over audiences and critics with his vibrant musicality, accessibility, versatility and extraordinary commitment to arts education. Tipton is now celebrating his seventh season as Music Director of the Symphony of Southeast Texas in Beaumont.

Yolanda Adams, Featured Soloist

Houstonian and gospel legend, Yolanda Adams is a four-time GRAMMY® Award winning singer with multiple BMI, Stellar, Gospel Music Association and NAACP Image awards.

Inaugural Participants

The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Chorus

The HSPVA Chorus' mission is to provide students with a medium of musical expression in a creative learning environment that teaches appropriate fundamentals, provides opportunities for individual and shared performances, and represents the school throughout the community, region, nation, and world. The chorus is under the direction of Ms. Pat Bonner.

The Church Without Walls Choir

The Church Without Walls Choir under the direction of V. Michael McKay believes that all things are possible with God on your side. Their goal is to lead, evangelize, assimilate and proclaim the good word through their uplifting worship in song.

Chau Nguyen, Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Nguyen, formerly a news anchor with KHOU-TV, is the Manager of Community Involvement at The Women's Home in Houston. She was named "Best Reporter" by the Houston Press in 2007. In 2010, she received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Houston and began her new career as a social worker and psychotherapist. Her therapeutic expertise is focused on children and teens.

The River Performance Troupe

The River Performance Troupe is now in its 8th year of touring. They perform for theatres, hospitals, conventions and community programs. Through performing, they are able to show that disability is only a word. The troupe consists of 14 members from all areas of the Houston community.

Pastor Ralph Douglas West, Brookhollow Baptist Church

Pastor West received a BA in Philosophy/Religion from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. He holds a Master of Divinity and Biblical Languages Degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his Doctorate of Ministry Degree at Samford University, Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL. In 1987, he became the founding pastor of Brookhollow Baptist Church.

Vanessa D. Gilmore, United States District Judge, Southern District of Texas

The Honorable Judge Gilmore has served as a United States District Judge in the Southern District of Texas since 1994. She is the first graduate of the University of Houston to be appointed to the federal bench. At the time of her appointment, she was the youngest sitting federal judge in the United States.

Rabbi David Lyon, Congregation Beth Israel

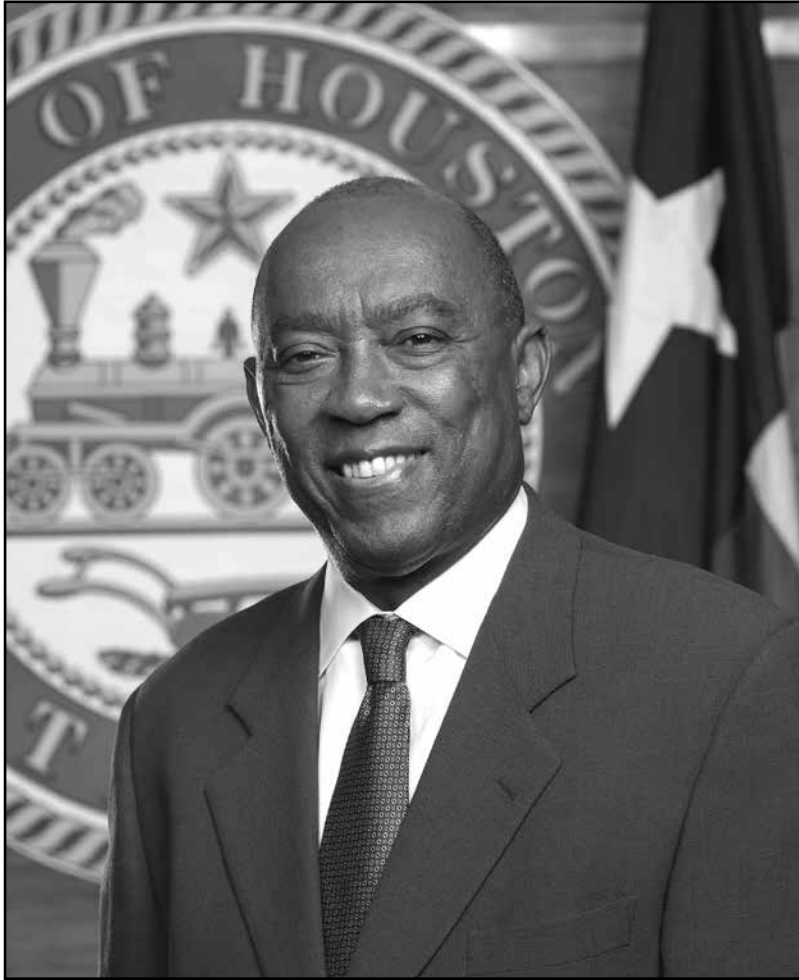
Rabbi Lyon has served the Congregation Beth Israel since 2004. He is also a Board member of the United Way of Greater Houston and serves on its Community Impact Committee. He served on the Bush-Clinton Relief Committee for recovery from Hurricane Ike on the Gulf Coast. He is the immediate past Chairman of the Board of the Institute for Spirituality and Health at the Texas Medical Center.

Imam Wazir Ali, Houston Masjid Warithudden Mohammed

Imam Wazir Ali is the Director of Mercy Community Center and the Resident Imam of the Houston Masjid of Al-Islam and Masjid Al-Qur'an. He has been active in the Houston Islamic community for the last 14 years.

Carver High School Dance Department

The George W. Carver High School for Applied Technology, Engineering, & the Arts Dance Department creates productions that represent the vision and purpose of the Aldine Independent School District. Ms. Sarita Salinas, director, established a dance program for K-12 grade students with an understanding of the impact that early training makes in the development of a dancer.



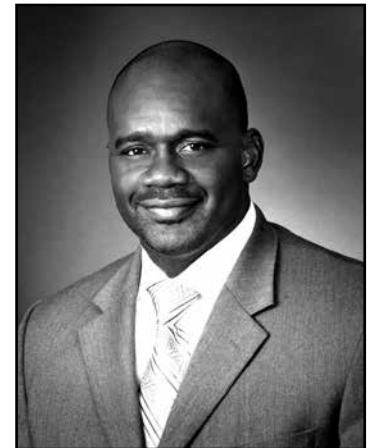
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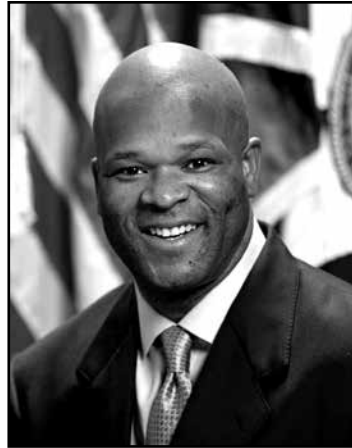
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Mayor Turner, Controller Brown and the members of the City Council thank each of the inaugural participants for making this a special day, the citizens of Houston for the opportunity to serve and the employees of the City who work hard every day to make City Hall effective and efficient.

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