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# Miss Cy-Fair Houston & Princess Pageant

Cypress, Tx, October 14, 2013– Miss Cy-Fair Houston is ready for its 5th anniversary in February 2014 with new leadership. The Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce began the pageant in 2010 as a family-friendly event aimed at raising scholarships and empowering young women and girls to achieve their goals. Over the last few years, the pageant has continued to grow and gain support. The Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Pageant will continue to be a great community event under the direction of the newly formed Miss Cy-Fair Houston Organization with the leadership of Blaire Pancake and Tiffanie Vaughan.

"The chamber has great confidence that with Blaire and Tiffanies" guidance and past involvement with the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Pageant that the pageant will continue to grow and flourish with the same level



of excellence," says Leslie Martone, president of the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce. "We are so pleased they will continue to produce the pageant for our community."

Blaire Pancake has been the involved with the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Pageant since its inception in 2010 and was the pageant chair and codirector this past year. She is also a former Miss Tennessee and brings



a wealth of knowledge, experience, and expertise to the pageant. Tiffanie Vaughan will be leading the princess pageant. She has served as a judge and been actively involved in the local community *(Continued on Page 4)* 

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#### Miss Cy-Fair Houston - (Continued from Cover)

legacy with the Miss Cy-Fair Houston and Princess Pageant. This is such a fun event and a great way to raise scholarships for some outstanding young women and show the rest of Texas just how talented and outstanding the young women in our area truly are," says Blaire Pancake.

This year's pageant will take place on February 15-16, 2014 at the Cypress Academy of the Performing Arts. The Miss division will continue to be a preliminary for the Miss America Organization, with Miss Cy-Fair representing the area at the Miss Texas Pageant in July 2014. The Miss (18-24yrs) and Teen (15-17yrs) will compete on Saturday the 15th, and the Miss Houston Princesses will compete on Sunday the 16th.

Last year was our first year as a prelim, and Elizabeth Medina, Miss Cy-Fair Houston 2013, represented Cy-Fair at the Miss Texas Pageant, winning non-finalist talent and the instrumental talent award for her piano rendition of the theme song from the Magnificent Seven. "I was so proud of her hard work and dedication. She has represented us well on and off the stage, and now is studying pre-med at the University of Texas. She has really set a high standard for future titleholders," says Pancake.

While the Princesses do not compete at the state level, they certainly do several appearances around the community and have a lot of fun! "This is not toddlers and tiaras. The whole purpose of this event is for it to be a great event for the girls and their families. It is about having fun and encouraging self-confidence in our youth. We want every little girl, whether she wins the title or not, to feel like a princess," says Tiffanie Vaughan, director of the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Princess Pageant.

#### Miss Cy-Fair Houston Miss Division Requirements

 $\cdot$  No entry fee: Just need to raise \$100 for the Children's Miracle Network through the Miss America website prior to the pageant

· Age Requirements - Between the ages of 17 & 24 years of age.

 $\cdot$  Must be 17 of age and a High School Senior by the time of their first appearance in the preliminary round of the local or state competition.

 $\cdot$  Must be no older than twenty-four (24) years of age on December 31, 2013.

• Must attend school and be in good academic standing Phases of Competition

o Private interview with a personal platform – 10 minutes in Length o Physical fitness in swimsuit

o Talent – up to 90 seconds in length

o Evening wear in gown of choice

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o On stage question

#### Miss Cy-Fair Houston Teen Division Requirements

(Note: Not a Prelim to Miss Texas)

- Cost \$250
- $\cdot$  Age Requirements Between the ages of 15 & 17.
- · Interview, Evening gown, and On Stage Questions
- $\cdot$  Winner, 1, 2, 3, Most Photogenic and Miss Congeniality
- $\cdot$  Winner receives \$1,000 Scholarship, crown, sash
- $\cdot$  Deadline for applications: March 11, 2013

#### Pre-Teen Princess Division Requirements

(Note: Not a Prelim to Miss Texas)

- Cost \$150
- $\cdot$  Party dress, no glitz
- · Age requirements: 13-14
- $\cdot$  Contestants will pose and state name and what they would like to be at microphone on stage.
  - $\cdot$  Winner receives: crown, sash and VIP goody bag

#### Junior Princess Division Requirements

(Note: Not a Prelim to Miss Texas)

• Cost \$150

· Party dress, no glitz

· Age requirements: 10-12

· Contestants will pose and state name and what they would like

to be at microphone on stage.

· Winner receives: crown, sash and VIP goody bag

#### Little Princess Division Requirements

(Note: Not a Prelim to Miss Texas)

- Cost \$150
- · Party dress, no glitz
- · Age requirements: 7-9
- · Contestants will pose and state name and what they would like to be at microphone on stage.

be at microphone on stage.

 $\cdot$  Winner receives: crown, sash and VIP goody bag

#### **Tiny Princess Division Requirements**

(Note: Not a Prelim to Miss Texas)

- Cost \$150
- · Party dress, no glitz
- · Age requirements: 4-6
- $\cdot$  Contestants will pose and state name and what they would like to be at microphone on stage.
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#### **Pageant Specifics:**

· 2014 Cy-Fair Houston Pageant Miss/Miss Teen Divisions, Saturday February 15 at 6pm

 $\cdot$  2014 Cy-Fair Houston Princess Divisions, Sunday February 16th at 2pm.

Both Pageants will be held at the Cypress Academy of Performing Arts, 11707 Huffmeister Rd Houston, TX 77065 Pageant website:

#### www.MissCyFairHouston.com

\*\*\*Note: Only Miss Division is a Prelim to Miss Texas.

For more information on the Miss Cy-Fair Houston Organization, please visit www.misscyfairhouston.com or its facebook page www. facebook.com/misscyfairhouston

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**SAVE THE DATE** - Don't miss the Annual China Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Rd., Spring, Texas. We are looking for talented ladies to decorate one of our themed tables. Individual tickets are \$30. Get your ticket at one of our monthly meetings or visit our website. The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres2012@gmail.com.



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\$451,000\$499,999	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1
\$351,000\$450,999	1	6	1	1	5	3	3	3	5	2
\$276,000\$350,999	1	4	0	5	6	2	2	1	2	0
\$231,000\$275,999	1	3	3	3	6	2	1	3	0	1
\$201,000\$230,999	0	3	1	3	5	1	0	10	0	0
\$200,999 and below	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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### Cypress Symphony Presents Second Concert of their Inaugural Season

The Cypress Symphony invites you to celebrate our historical inaugural season at our second concert in January! Join us as we explore some of the earliest orchestral writing by the lighthearted CPE Bach and journey through history to the romantic and passionate Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. We are pleased to welcome our talented guest conductor Mark Dupere, as he leads the Cypress Symphony through a musical odyssey! We look forward to seeing you on this magical evening!

> Saturday January 18th, 2014 7pm at the Centrum Mark Dupere, guest conductor

#### **PROGRAM**:

C.P.E Bach Symphony for Strings in B-flat Mendelssohn String Symphony No. 7 in D minor Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings Op. 48 *Tickets can be purchased at cypresssymphony.org Student admission is free.* 



### Kappa Kappa Gamma Alums of Houston NW

Come join your sisters this Month with our Ornament Exchange Social On the evening of Thursday, December 12th.

For more information on this or future events & membership please contact: Natalie Bunton at gnat02@gmail.com or 832-717-3294.





### How to execute The Two Handed Backhand Lob

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot. the one-handed high volley approach shot, and the forehand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Two Handed Backhand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep to the backhand side of the player, and the opponent is either charging to the net or staying far back. The player hitting the lob is looking for "air time" to regain balance and court space. This ball should be hit high enough so the players at the net cannot reach and "slam" the ball down, or force the opponent at the base line to retrieve back. In the illustrations, Marimel Ansdell, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Marimel is forced deep into the backhand side and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots to the left and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the racket is low and her left hand is on the handle of the racket. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is on her left foot. Step 2: The Point of Contact: Marimel is now ready to hit the ball. Her eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle in order to create height and depth on her lob. Her goal is to keep her head still and not start looking up to her opponent or to the other side of the court.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a deep lob is the follow through. Marimel's left wrist is still "laid back" and her shoulder is lifting the racket above her head. Her right hand is holding the racket slightly, but still in control of the racket.

Step 4: The Finish: In order to create a natural top spin on the lob, Marimel is now finishing her stroke with the racket behind her right ear. This will make the ball bounce higher and/or force the opponent to hit a tennis ball that is still rotating on the air.

Step 5: The Shuffle Back: Once Marimel finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to shuffle back to the middle of the court in order to drive the next ball back to the opponent. In this caption, she moved back to the center of the court waiting for the opponent's shot to come back.

> Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute "The One-Handed Backhand Lob"

### **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB**

Kiwanis wants YOU! The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club is actively seeking new members who are interested in giving service to improve our community and our world. Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club and learn about the projects in which its members participate to enrich and improve life for citizens in our community. We sponsor the Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair, Jersey Village, and Katy communities and work with them in service to the Cy-Fair area. Internationally,

both Kiwanis and Key Club are participating in the ELIMINATE

Businesses of the community are encouraged to support a representative

for membership in Kiwanis. If you work for a business that is oriented

toward involvement in community improvement and leadership, suggest

to them that you would like to represent that business through membership

and involvement in work with Kiwanis. We welcome business and

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets at Hearthstone Country Club on

the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and

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CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-

Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and two Builders' Club in the Cy-Fair School District. If you would like to work with teens and preteens, join us and work with the outstanding youth in these organizations. We sponsor the Kids Triathlon; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; award scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provide assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

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