



*Virtuosi of Houston*  
*And the*  
*Houston/Galveston-Stavanger Sister City Society*  
*Present*  
***An International Youth Friendship Concert***  
***Celebrating "Stavanger Days in Texas 2004"***  
*On Saturday, March 27, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.*  
***Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, Zilkha Hall***  
*800 Bagby Street, Downtown Houston*

The program will consist of the Classical Music of Grieg performed by the *Virtuosi of Houston*, a Premier Young Artists Chamber Orchestra, and the beautiful voices of the *Stavanger Cathedral Youth Choir* singing patriotic songs of Norway and America.

This one week festival is the most active of the Sister City programs in Houston, which brings 80-100 Norwegian teenagers from Stavanger, Norway to Houston, Texas every four years for 10 days and every four years teenagers from Houston visit Stavanger, Norway for ten days. In 2002, over 100 of Houston teenagers visited Stavanger. Civic, city government and business leaders accompany the teenagers from both countries and the Mayor from Stavanger also always visits Houston.

Cultural exchanges of this magnitude contribute towards an understanding of international lifestyles and we hope that this kind of program will further the globalization and acceptance of different cultures in the world.

We as citizens of the world today with technology breaking down international barriers should support and encourage such programs.

*"The richest child is poor without knowledge." -John F. Kennedy*

**Tickets:**  
**General Admission: Free**  
**The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts**  
**Zilkha Hall Box Office**  
**713-315-2525**  
**And online at**  
**[www.uniquelyhouston.org](http://www.uniquelyhouston.org)**

**Please email your reservation to Inger Tone Oedegaard – [IngerTone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:IngerTone@sbcglobal.net)**  
**by Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.**