



Fort Bend County Women's Center

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Beatles Music Helps Women's Center's Benefit Attain Success



Fort Bend County Womens Center Music Fest 2005

HOUSTON, TX - September 9, 2005 – Forty years after the rock and roll icons, The Beatles, came to Houston, the audience of the Verizon Wireless Theater was again taken back to the sounds of the Fab Four.

The Fort Bend Women's Center hosted their sixth annual Music Fest event featuring the Classical Mystery Tour. The evening began with a party for event sponsors. Upon arrival, sponsors enjoyed a dinner of beef tips, steamed zucchini, creamy garlic mashed potatoes, and assorted fruits and desserts provided by Café Natalie.

The show commenced with Channel 2 news anchor Sara Allen giving some background information on the Women's Center and introducing the Women's Center's 2005 board president, Cynthia von Tesmar. Tesmar presented a token of thanks to presenting sponsor Bill Heard Chevrolet, thanked Music Fest chair, Jacki Breckon, other sponsors, volunteers and got the audience primed with a hearty, "Are you ready to rock and roll?"

The Classical Mystery Tour looks and sounds like The Beatles. The show featured two hours of top Beatles hits, sung, played and performed exactly as they were written. The tour featured Jim Owen (John Lennon) on rhythm guitar, piano and vocals; Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney) on bass guitar, piano, and vocals; Tom Teeley (George Harrison) on lead guitar and vocals; and Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr) on drums and vocals. Martin Herman conducted the members of the Houston Grand Opera's orchestra.

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Beatles fans danced the evening away. The Classical Mystery Tour earned two encores, which they obliged and a standing ovation. The concert benefiting the Women's Center was a success. "Events like these enable the Women's Center to serve the community's survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence." said Vita Rogers, executive director for the Women's Center. "With the help of our sponsors and other concert attendees we are able to continue and improve our programs."

In 25 years of serving the community, the Fort Bend County Women's Center has helped more than 20,000 women and children achieve violence-free lifestyles. Through fundraisers, donations and community support, the Center can continue to provide emergency shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, support services and educational outreach to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children. For more information about the Center or the services it offers, call Executive Director Vita Rogers at 281.494.4545. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, please call the Center's 24-hour Hotline at 281.342.4357 (HELP).