

WHAT I  
CAME FOR,  
I WILL  
ACCOMPLISH.



OUR STORIES ARE  
YOUR STORIES,  
OUR STRUGGLES  
ARE YOUR  
STRUGGLES.

WE ARE YOU,  
AND  
WE ARE HERE  
NOW, TOO.



Houston Grand Opera,  
Vietnamese Culture and Science Association  
and Kim Son Restaurant  
present

## *A celebration of Houston's Vietnamese community*

Sunday, October 28  
3:00 PM  
Kim Son Restaurant  
2001 Jefferson

In collaboration with the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association and Kim Son Restaurant, Houston Grand Opera presents an afternoon of music celebrating those who have chosen to call the city of Houston their home.

The concert includes the first-ever performance of the Vietnamese movement from HGO's latest world premiere, *The Refuge*. Alongside photography from the Song of Houston project, the concert features artists from the Houston Grand Opera Studio with Julie Trinh Dang playing dan bau, and traditional Vietnamese dance.

*Free admission, seating is limited: call 713-546-0211 for ticket reservations*

Houston Grand Opera presents  
the WORLD PREMIERE of

# The Refuge

November 10, 2007  
2:00 PM—Free performance, "SOLD OUT"  
7:30 PM—Tickets start at \$15  
Brown Theater, Wortham Theater Center

Music by Christopher Theofanidis  
Libretto by Leah Lax  
Sung in English with surtitles

*The Refuge* celebrates the stories, in words and music, of all those who have chosen to call the city of Houston their home.

Join us for a song of Houston featuring the Houston Grand Opera Orchestra, Chorus, Children's Chorus, and artists of the HGO Studio, with performers from Houston's African, Central American, Indian, Mexican, Pakistani, Jewish and Vietnamese communities, conducted by HGO Music Director Patrick Summers.

Call 713-228-OPERA (6737)  
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# song of houston

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## *Writers in the Schools*

February—December 2007

Children express their unique cultural details in prose, poetry and visual art

## *National Geographic Photo Camp*

May 25–28, 2007: Multi-Ethnic Community Center

African refugee teenagers create a portrait of southwest Houston through photography

## *Opera Camp*

August 6–10, 2007: Houston Grand Opera, Wortham Theater Center

Children of immigrant families create their own opera based on “The Upside Down Boy”

## *“Our Houston” Art Contest*

September 21–October 20, 2007: Our Texas newspaper and Russian Cultural Center

Children ages 5 - 19 explore Houston through visual art

## *From Aria to Oratorio*

September 17–November 5, 2007: Rice University’s Glasscock School of Continuing Studies

A seven-part series, exploring the world of opera and *The Refuge*

## *A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City*

October 4–7, 2007: Doctors Without Borders

A touring exhibit on Fish Plaza in front of the Wortham Theater Center

## *Houston Poetry Fest 2007*

October 12, 2007

Librettist Leah Lax reads from *The Refuge*

## *An Evening of Russian Song*

October 20, 2007: Russian Cultural Center

Recital featuring HGO Studio mezzo-soprano Maria Markina

## *We’re All Neighbors Luncheon*

October 22, 2007: Russian Cultural Center

Celebrating *Song of Houston* and community connection through the arts

## *Houston Seminar*

October 30 and November 6, 2007: Czech Cultural Center

A two-part lecture series based on *Song of Houston* and *The Refuge*

## *Jewish Community Center Book Fair*

October 31, 2007: Jewish Community Center

Librettist Leah Lax reads from *The Refuge*

## *International Extravaganza*

November 5, 2007: World Affairs Council of Houston

Featuring community performers from *The Refuge*

## *Stories of The Refuge*

November 5–8 2007: KUHF 88.7 FM

Extraordinary stories of extraordinary journeys in the words of four Houstonians

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WHAT IT  
MEANS  
TO BE FREE.



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