

Performing Arts Houston



Our Mission

Performing Arts Houston connects audiences with exceptional artists through diverse performances and learning experiences.

Why?

Because through the arts, we discover new understanding about ourselves, create community, inspire dialogue, and enrich our world.

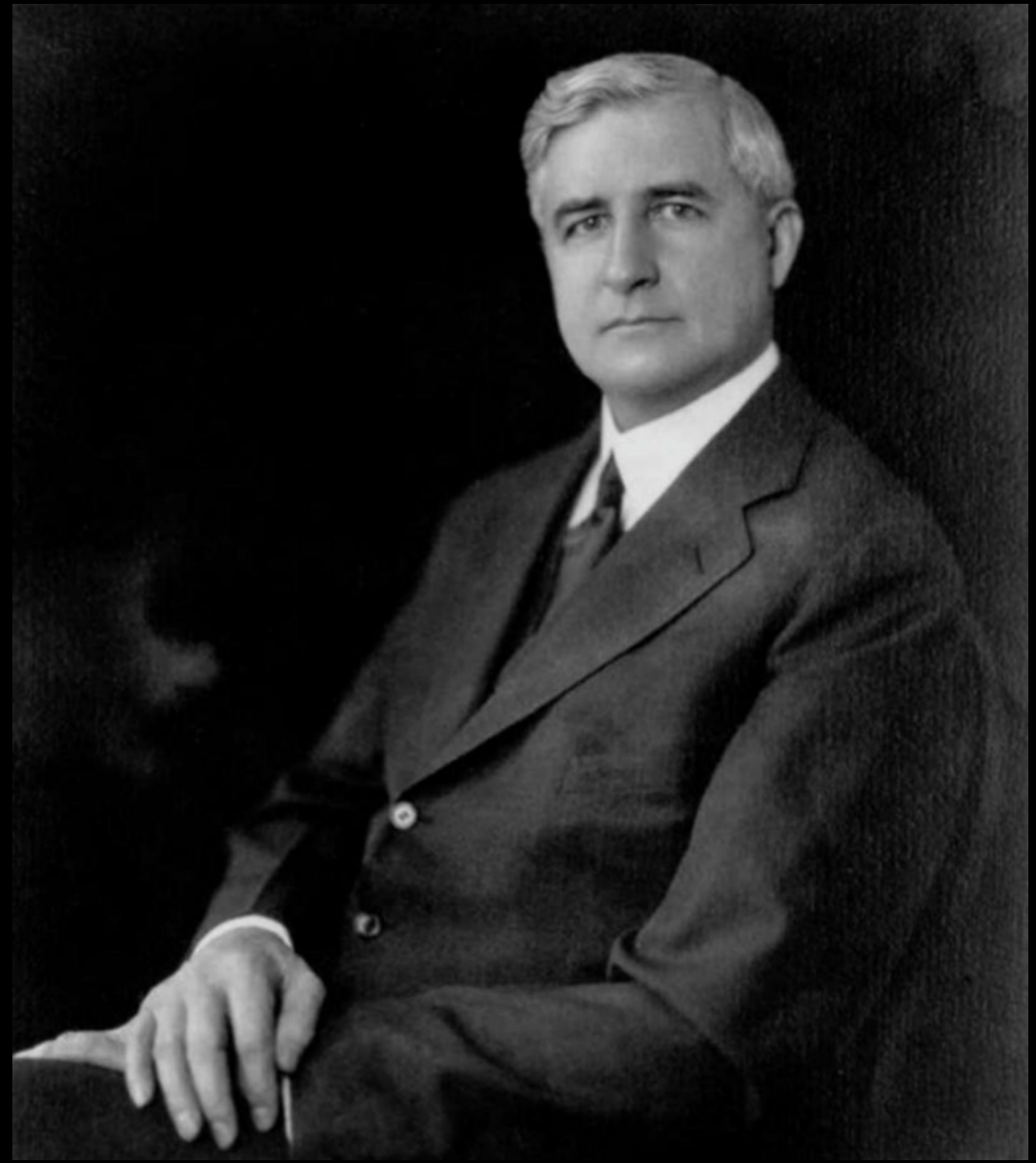
Where are we going?

We provide the most diverse and relevant performing arts experiences in Houston. Through equitable representation and opportunity, we support and amplify the voice of the artist to create positive social, cultural, and economic growth.





EDNA SAUNDERS (1880–1963)



JESSE H. JONES (1874–1956)

**EDNA SAUNDERS PRESENTS INDIVIDUAL CONCERTS, BALLETS
AND OPERA**

Single tickets for these attractions will be reserved, as usual.

**MORDKIN BALLET
AND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Wed., Mat. and Eve., NOV. 19

City Auditorium

Prices: Afternoon; \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20,

Box Seats \$2.20

Evening; \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20, \$2.75

Box Seats \$3.30

ANGNA ENTERS

America's Greatest Dance Misse

Mon. Eve., NOV. 22

Scottish Rite Cathedral

Prices: \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20

RUTH SLENCZYNSKI

Child Pianist—Phenomenon of the Age

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 1

Scottish Rite Cathedral

Prices: \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20

**TED SHAWN AND HIS MEN
DANCERS**

in "O Libertad"

Wed. Eve., DEC. 15

City Auditorium

Prices: \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20

Box Seats \$2.75

Master Class for Dancers, 4 p. m.

Admission to Master Class \$1.10

SALZBURG OPERA GUILD

Continental Company — Orchestra of 30

Direct from Salzburg

Sun. Eve., DEC. 19

City Auditorium

Prices: \$1.10, \$1.65, \$2.20, \$2.75

Box Seats \$3.30

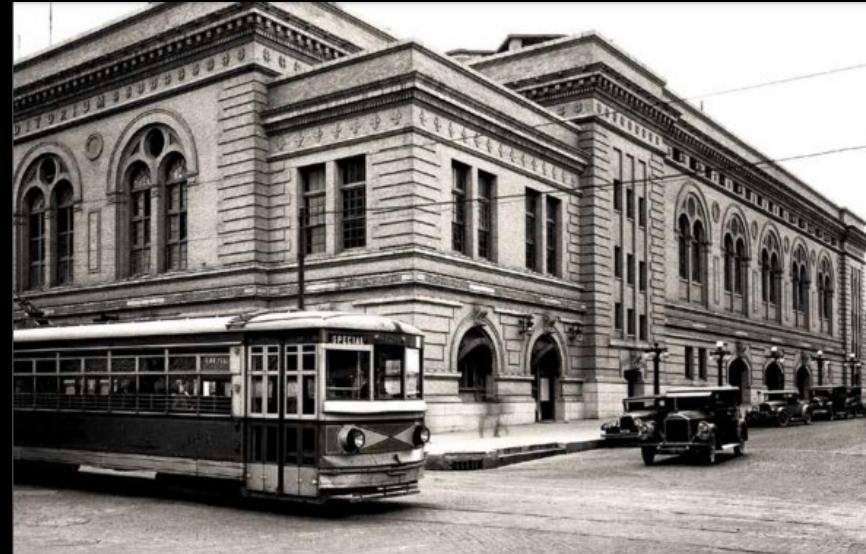


Edna Saunders, seen in her office on the 5th floor of Levy Bros Dry Goods Co., is surrounded by photographs of artists she had presented.

EDNA SAUNDERS (1880-1963)



Winnie Davis Auditorium
1895-1910



City
Auditorium
1910-1963

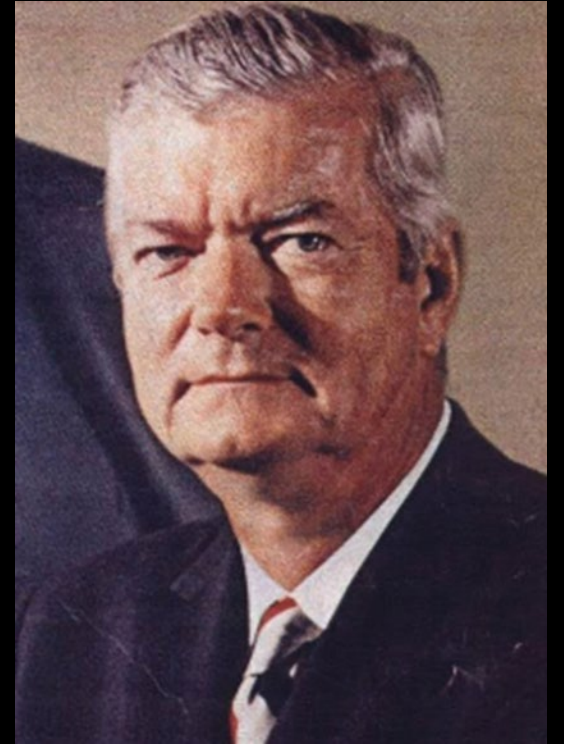
Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts
1966-Present



@Texas and
Louisiana

Houston 1956





John T. Jones (1917-1974)

After Jones' death, the Houston Endowment, which he founded, carried out his wishes. On June 1, 1962, Houston Endowment president John T. Jones, Jr., handed Houston Mayor Lewis Cutrer a proposal to build a state-of-the-art performing arts hall and give it to the City of Houston.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF

SOCIETY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Charter No. 226738

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated August 18th, 19 66.

John L. Vies
Secretary of State

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Jesse (Jay) H. Jones II, Melissa Jones, John Clinton Jones, Winifred Jones, and John T. Jones, Jr., in the Edna Saunders Green Room opening night.

Jones Hall for the Performing Arts Opens October 2, 1966





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In April of 2022,

after 53 years as

Society for the Performing Arts

we changed our name!



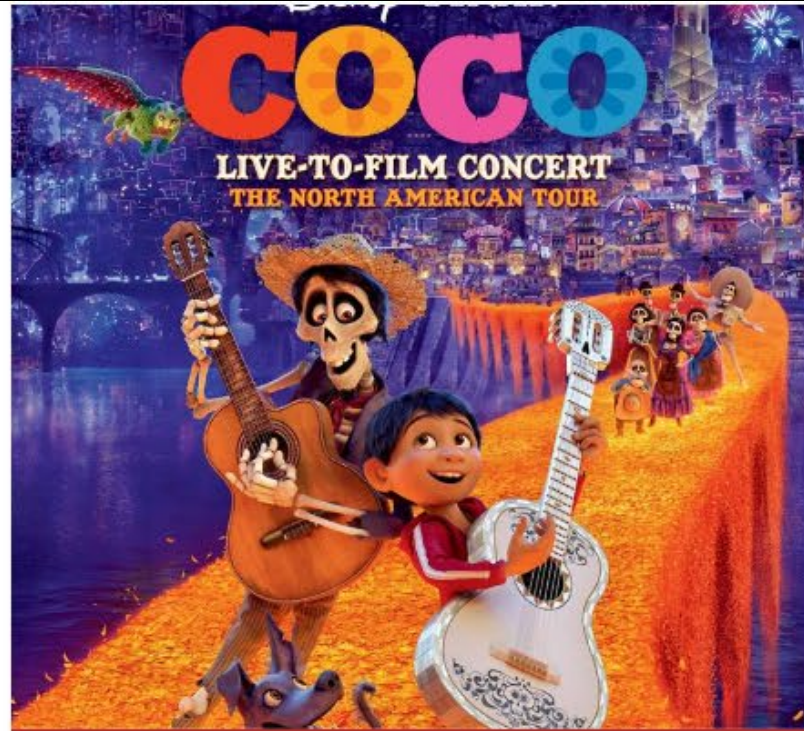
Aida Cuevas: The Queen of Mariachi

OCTOBER 18, 2024

Friday, 7:30 pm

Jones Hall

GRAMMY and Latin GRAMMY-winning icon Aida Cuevas sings the greatest hits of Juan Gabriel.



Coco Live-to-Film Concert

OCTOBER 19 - 20, 2024

Saturday - Sunday, 3 Performances

Jones Hall

The complete Disney Pixar film with GRAMMY-winner Michael Giacchino's score played by live mariachi orchestra.



An Evening with David Sedaris

OCTOBER 29, 2024

Tuesday, 7:30 pm

Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

One of America's pre-eminent humor writers and a beloved Houston favorite.



Sō Percussion with Shodekeh Talifero

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

GRAMMY winners Sō Percussion join forces with breath artist Shodekeh Talifero.



Jim Henson's Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock LIVE

FEBRUARY 14 - 15, 2025

Friday - Saturday, 3 Performances

Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

The first-ever Fraggle Rock stage show, produced by The Jim Henson Company (The Dark Crystal, Labyrinth).



New/Now 2024-25

MARCH 6 - 7, 2025

Thursday - Friday, 2 Performances

Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

New works by Houston's own—YUNGCHRIS, Marlon Simon, and Ben Chavez.