

Band Concert/Gala Wrap-Up - 2006

It had the elements of a Broadway opening night – lights, action, cameras and lots of music! The UH Cougar Marching Band alumni hosted its first annual Gala dinner and auction prior to the marching band concert on Wednesday evening, November 29. Guests arrived at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall in the Athletic/Alumni Center for a fun fajita dinner. After dinner, they walked over to the Moores Opera House foyer to peruse all the auction items – we had 35 packages with gifts and items to please everyone.

Band alumni president Chris Mims came up with the idea for the Gala. His thought was since we have so many parents, alumni and friends attend the concert each year, it would make sense to do a fundraiser at the same event. The 2006 event was co-chaired by Cathy Coers Frank and Roxanne Weiner Tiner.

Bidding was fast and furious for items such as a Kevin Kolb autographed UH football helmet, dinners and trips to the theater for two, two deluxe tickets to the Texans/Browns football game at Reliant Stadium donated by CBS Sports announcer and UH alumnus Jim Nantz, an autographed book by former First Lady Barbara Bush, a beautiful hand-made carved UH music clock and a U.S. flag that flew over the nation's capitol that was donated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

During intermission, guests continued the check on their favorite items. At the conclusion of the fabulous concert, the results were tabulated and the lucky winners took their goodies home. We made \$3500 from the event with all proceeds going to support the Marching Band and the band alumni scholarship program.

The fourth annual Band Concert and Gala will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 16. For information on buying a reserved box at the next event (four tickets plus dinner and a donation), please contact Carol Risinger at 713-743-3175.