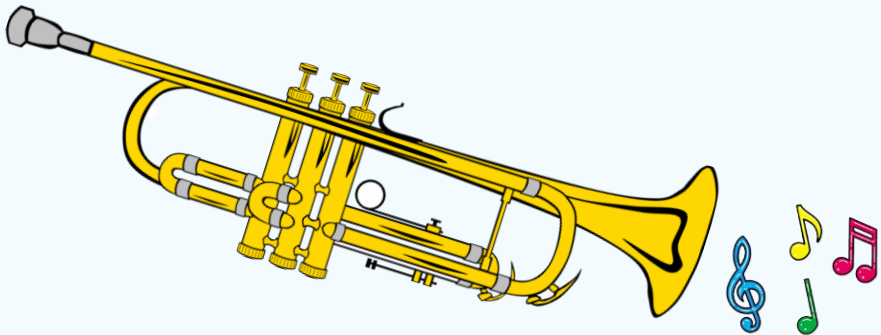


LEOH Trip

September 9, 2026

**Houston Brass Quintet
at Miller Outdoor Theatre
“Viva la Brass”**



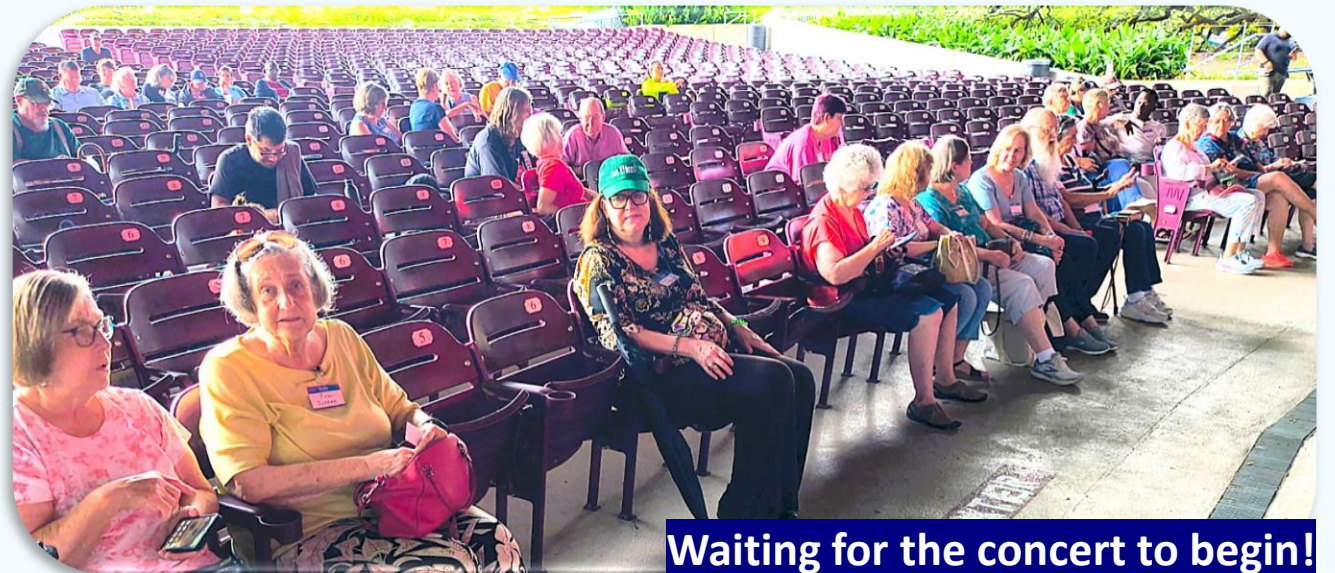
View of the theatre as we
made our way there.



Miller Outdoor Theatre began over 100 years ago as a permanent bandstand. Seating consisted of folding chairs, with no protected covering for patrons or performers.

Miller Outdoor Theatre at 6000 Hermann Park Drive resides on approximately 7.5 acres in the Park. Seating accommodates 1,705 plus 20 wheelchair spaces. The excellent acoustics mean that the hill facing the theatre is also very popular, and can accommodate around 4,500 more, with many bringing their own blankets, lawn chairs, and refreshments. The hill itself has seen many events over the years, everything from kite-flying contests to sliding down the hill on cardboard during a rare snow event.

The theatre itself has everything needed for a variety of performances, including an orchestra pit that can be raised and lowered, dressing rooms, theater equipment, and an air-conditioned performance area. The performance season is a full 8 months, and all performances are family-friendly and *FREE*!



Waiting for the concert to begin!



Atropos Key at the top of the hill is an 11-foot tall bronze sculpture by artist Hannah Holiday Stuart.



A short walk from the bus to the Theatre was an opportunity to enjoy nature.



This area recognizes stars who have performed at the Theatre. Scan the barcode to get complete details. Examples: *Big Bird* from Sesame Street served as guest conductor for the Houston Symphony in 1979; *Girl Tyme* (later known as *Destiny's Child* with Beyonce) performed there in the early 1990's.



The Houston Brass Quintet (HBQ) is a non-profit chamber music group that enjoys bringing this style of music to groups of youth that typically would not be exposed to it.

Depending on the occasion and venue, their music includes selections from diverse genres. They also offer clinics and coaching. Partnering with other non-profits allows them to serve the whole community, including retirement communities and specialized nursing facilities.

On this day, we heard a variety of selections that highlighted Spanish and Latin American traditions. Favorites included *The Girl from Ipanema* and *La Macarena*.



Just prior to playing certain selections,
members took turns introducing
their own chosen selection.





What do these talented musicians do in their spare time?! From left to right as pictured:

Mary Gold (French horn) – founding member of HBQ, teaches band in Katy I.S.D., and is Music Director for another band.

Ryan Rongone (trombone) – freelance trombonist and frequent substitute with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and others.

Jesus Pacheco (percussionist, because you must have a drummer!) – freelances with several other groups.

Allyn Lindsey (tuba) –freelancer and teacher, plays various instruments, and writes arrangements for HBQ.

Sarah Perkins (trumpet) - founding member and Managing Director of HBQ. She also teaches at the *Village School*.

Russell Haehl (trumpet) – Artistic Director of HBQ and principal soloist in another band. He also tutors students.

Click on houstonbrassquintet.org to learn more. Enjoy their music by clicking on YouTube videos on their website. Donations received via their website go towards funding Alzheimer's outreach concerts and other community programs.



Following the concert, everyone enjoyed lunch at the ***Black Walnut Kitchen & Bar*** in Rice Village.

The restaurant participates in *Restaurant Weeks*, donating part of meal proceeds to charity.

In addition, they host *Spirit Night Fundraisers*, donating 15% of their sales to a school, team, or non-profit.



Thank you, **Byron**, for safe travels on the Precinct One bus!
And thank you, **Ann**, for arranging this truly entertaining trip!



Future Trips!



Wednesday, October 14 – Tour of Rice University

During a walking tour, visitors will see and learn more about this esteemed institution of higher learning, before enjoying lunch at *Hungry's* in Rice Village.

NOTE: Rest stops will be unavailable during this approximately 1½ hour tour.

Thursday, November 12 – Bayou Wildlife Zoo

Enjoy a train ride while viewing diverse wildlife in this Alvin zoo.

Thursday, December 3 – Holiday Lunch with Toy Donations

Donate a toy or toys for needy children as your admission fee to join in for a great lunch at a local restaurant.

Signing Up for a Trip

Trip Coordinator Ann Fairchild may be contacted at fairann@sbcglobal.net or **281-686-1325**. She will publish complete trip details, with the opportunity to sign up, closer to the trip date.

If the traveler quota is full, you may ask to be put on a waiting list.

NOTE: Trip write-ups can be found on the LEOH website leohtexas.org