** HISD elementary students’ poetry, artwork featured in Houston Symphony production**

**What:** Poetry and artwork created by second grade students from [Patterson Elementary School](http://www.houstonisd.org/PattersonES) will be featured in the Houston Symphony’s *Carnival of the Animals* jazz production Saturday at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts.

With guidance from the Houston Symphony, the students wrote poetry based on the movement of each animal featured in the show and their personal interpretation of the music. To complement their poetry, the students also created visual art, which will be on display in the Jones Hall lobby on Saturday and Sunday.

Patterson, a dual language literature magnet school, was selected for the Houston Symphony’s School Residency program, designed to provide music education experiences for second-graders while exploring connections between music and literacy. As part of the program, the school receives two pre-concert classroom visits and one post-concert visit led by the Houston Symphony community-embedded musicians.

 The program also is part of the district’s fine arts initiative to ensure students in the Chavez High School feeder pattern have the opportunity to continue learning about art, drama, and music from elementary through high school.

**Who:** HISD second grade students from Patterson Elementary School, PattersonElementary School Principal **Juan Gonzales**, Houston Symphony Associate Conductor **Robert Franz**

**When: Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

**Where:** Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana St., 77002