

**2008 SHSU Contemporary Music Festival and SCI Region VI Conference**  
**Sam Houston State University**  
**Huntsville, TX**  
**April 16-19, 2008**

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Airport:** Huntsville, Texas, home of Sam Houston State University, is located 70 miles north of Houston on Interstate 45. There are two airports in Houston: Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and Hobby (HOU). IAH, the newer and larger of the two airports, is located on the north end of Houston, about 60 or so miles from Huntsville, and we recommend that you make your flights to and from this location. HOU is located on the south end of downtown Houston, 80 miles from Huntsville (you will have to fight a lot of downtown traffic on your way there and back), but often features lower cost flights.

**Transit:** You will need to make your own arrangements to travel between Houston and Huntsville. All major car rental companies offer airport services in Houston, and this is probably your best bet. Both airports are located within a few miles of Interstate 45, so the drive north to Huntsville will not involve too much difficulty. Once you are in Huntsville, a town of only 35,000 people and 15,000 students, you will have little difficulty finding the various hotels, concert venues, and restaurants. Maps will be made available soon.

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

As part of the 2008 SCI Region VI Conference, we have contacted the following local hotels for a Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> evening check-in and a Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> morning check-out. They are listed in their order of convenience and preference.

- 1) Sam Houston State University Hotel  
P.O. Box 2388 SHSU  
1610 Bobby K. Marks Drive  
Huntsville, TX 77341  
936-291-2151 / 1-866-SHSU-INN  
[www.shsuhotel.org](http://www.shsuhotel.org)

This hotel is located on-campus in the Criminal Justice Building. This is the building that will house several of the concerts and is directly next to the buildings that will host the rest of the concerts (except for the organ concert). There are currently only 20 double occupancy rooms available at this location at a cost of \$68.95 plus tax per night (on-campus parking included). Please reserve under the "Department of Theory/Composition" block and contact Charlotte Harding (Reservations Coordinator) if there are any issues. All reservations here must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

2) La Quinta Inn Huntsville  
124 I-45 North  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
936-295-6454  
[www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com)

The La Quinta Inn, which is just a few miles off campus (probably not walking distance), is allowing all visiting composers to reserve room at the official SHSU rate of \$65 per night plus tax. There are currently 30 double occupancy rooms at this location but more can be added if those all get booked. Please reserve under the “SCI Conference” block. All reservations here must be made by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

3) Motel 6 Huntsville  
122 I-45  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
936-291-6927  
[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

The Motel 6 is the lowest priced reputable hotel in town but will not allow us to create a block for our conference. The rate for this hotel is \$42.93 including tax per night for single occupancy.

4) Comfort Suites  
631 I-45 South  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
936-436-9600  
[www.comfortsuites.com](http://www.comfortsuites.com)

The Comfort Suites is the newest and probably nicest hotel in Huntsville – just opened this past fall. Due to the higher cost of this and the lower costs of the other listed hotels, we did not create a block of rooms at this hotel. However, if a minimum of 10 visiting composers are interested in staying here, we will create such a block on your collective behalf. The rate for such a block would be \$85 per night. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact Daniel Pfannstiel (Graduate Teaching Assistant in Music Theory/Composition) at [dmpfannstiel@shsu.edu](mailto:dmpfannstiel@shsu.edu) by March 1. If there are not enough interested composers by that date, we will notify you so that you may make other arrangements.