



**For Immediate Release**

**ROCO announces 2013-2014 Chamber Series**  
*Chamber Series focuses on cultural journeys and creative explorations*

**JULY 31, 2013, HOUSTON, TX.** River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) will take a unique musical voyage far and near this upcoming season titled *Around the World in ROCO Ways*. That theme is reflected in the 2013 – 2014 **ROCO Chamber Series** with a schedule of six Sunday afternoon concerts at Gremillion & Co. Fine Arts Annex. The **ROCO Chamber Series** features chamber groups drawn from within the orchestra. They are intimate concerts that highlight the virtuosity of individual musicians and ensembles and are intentionally designed to draw the audience into musical conversations.

The journey begins on Sunday, September 15 during a concert of *Asian Influences* featuring ROCO clarinetist Maiko Sasaki and the music of Debussy, Britten, Bartok along with a Fukushima Folksong. From there, ROCO Principal Cellist Richard Belcher has scheduled an *Intercontinental Connection* with Pianist Kurt Stallmann, performing music by Sculthorpe, Stallmann and Britten on October 13. ROCO Principal Horn Gavin Reed leads a creative expedition on November 17 for *The Song and the Wind* featuring songs transcribed for the horn and the beautiful, elegiac Brahms Horn Trio, written for horn, violin and piano.

The season continues on February 16, 2014 as a growing group of ROCO string musicians navigates a sensorial exploration titled  $2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6$ . This performance will begin with two duets and build into a quartet and sextet in order to venture into how sonorities are developed as instruments are added. On March 9, ROCO feels the *Rhythms of Paris and New Orleans* with a quintet performing music by Sergei Prokofiev and Dave Anderson, who was inspired by Prokofiev to write a jazz composition with the same instrumentation. The 2013 – 2014 season concludes on April 27 with a *French Salon* concert that includes music by Poulenc and more, performed by Founder, Artistic Director and Principal Oboist Alecia Lawyer and Principal Bassoonist Kristin Wolfe Jensen.

Season tickets for the ROCO Chamber Series are available online at [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or by calling 713.665.2700. Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex is located at 2504 Nottingham St. in Houston.

**ROCO Chamber Series:** all concerts begin at 4:00 pm at Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, Houston

Sunday, September 15, 2013

***Asian Influences***

Featuring the music of Debussy, Britten, Bartok, Yamada and a Fukushima Folksong

Maiko Sasaki, Clarinet; Makiko Hirata, Violin; Cece Belcher, Violin; Suzanne LeFevre, Viola; Julia Sengupta, Cello

Sunday, October 13, 2013

***Intercontinental Connections***

Featuring the music of Sculthorpe, Stallmann and Britten

Richard Belcher, Cello; Kurt Stallmann, Piano

Sunday, November 17, 2013

***The Song and the Wind***

Featuring songs transcribed for the horn and the Brahms Horn Trio

Gavin Reed, Horn; Timothy Hester, Piano; Andres Gonzalez, Violin

Sunday, February 16, 2014

**2 → 4 → 6**

Featuring the music of Schubert and Brahms

Maureen Nelson, Violin; Cece Belcher, Violin; Suzanne LeFevre, Viola; Lorento Golofeev, Viola; Richard Belcher, Cello; Shino Hayashi, Cello

Sunday, March 9, 2014

***Rhythms of Paris and New Orleans***

Featuring music by Prokofiev and Anderson

Alecia Lawyer, Oboe; Nathan Williams, Clarinet; Kirsten Yon, Violin; Suzanne LeFevre, Viola; Sandor Ostlund, Bass

Sunday, April 27, 2014

***French Salon***

Featuring the music of Poulenc and other French Salon selections

Alecia Lawyer, Oboe; Kristin Wolfe Jensen, Bassoon

***Additional information, schedule updates and tickets are available at [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)***

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**About ROCO**

ROCO is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 all-star musicians, distinguished guest conductors and dynamic composers who come together from all over the world to present engaging performances of classical and original compositions. Founded in 2005 by oboist, Alecia Lawyer, ROCO is *the most fun you can have with serious music*.

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