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ROCO and The Church of St. John the Divine present a Holiday Concert: Amahl and the Night Visitors

St. John the Divine and River Oaks Chamber Orchestra will present **Amahl and the Night Visitors**, on January 6th, 2012, at 6 and 8pm, at The Church of St. John the Divine.

The perfect way to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian Carlo Menotti, is the story of the journey of the Magi to visit the new Christ Child. Told through the eyes of a child, it is a poignant tale of a crippled shepherd boy and his destitute mother's encounter with the three kings. This story inspires as it beautifully illustrates the true meaning of Christmas.

Steve Newberry, Conductor
Kate Pogue, Director
Joseph Hlavinka, Amahl
Sonja Brusauskas, Mother
Magi: Timothy Jones, Joe Rawley, Eduardo Tercero
River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

Bring the entire family to this 45-minute production. Following the first performance and before the second one, join us in Sumners Hall to meet the cast, and enjoy a reception with family activities.

Amahl and the Night Visitors

January 6, 2012, at The Church of St. John the Divine

Performances at 6pm and 8pm (45-minutes in length)

Reception between performances

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students at the door and at www.rocohouston.org.

Children 5 and under are free.

About ROCO

ROCO is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 all-star musicians, distinguished guest conductors and 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*. www.rocohouston.org

About The Church of St. John the Divine

The Church of St. John the Divine is a vibrant and exciting Episcopal congregation. The church opens every day at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m., and all day long it is filled with activity. Everything we do has one basic purpose... to affect people's lives in such a way as to deepen their relationship with God as He uniquely is known in Jesus Christ. www.sjd.org