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ROCO presents holiday Yuletide Concert at Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens

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HOUSTON – The <u>River Oaks Chamber Orchestra</u> (ROCO) brings the spirit and joy of the season to <u>Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens</u> with two performances of *Yuletide Concert* by the ROCO Brass Quintet on Monday, December 8. The first performance starts at 10:00 am with a second performance starting at 2:00 pm.

For both concerts, the mansion will be open thirty minutes before the concert and thirty minutes after the concert for a peek into the Yuletide decor at Bayou Bend. The famous home of legendary

Houston collector and philanthropist Ima Hogg will feature decorations and holiday room settings that bring early American celebrations to life. The concert will take place in a festive party tent overlooking the beautiful Diana Gardens and light food and beverages will be served.

Due to limited seating capacity for each concert, tickets must be purchased prior to the event at www.rocohouston.org. Tickets cost \$55 each. Doors open for each event 30 minutes prior to the concert.

Yuletide Concert

ROCO Brass Quintet
Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens

Monday, December 8, 2014

10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (doors open 30 minutes prior to each concert) 6003 Memorial Drive at Westcott St.

\$55 General Admission includes admission to Bayou Bend and light food with beverage

About Bayou Bend

Bayou Bend is the MFAH house museum for American decorative arts and paintings. Displayed in the former home of Houston civic leader and philanthropist Ima Hogg (1882–1975), the collection is one of the finest showcases of American furnishings, silver, ceramics, and paintings in the world. The house is situated on 14 acres of organically maintained gardens in Houston's historic River Oaks neighborhood.

Open year-round, Bayou Bend welcomes thousands of visitors annually for tours and special programs. With the addition of the Lora Jean Kilroy Visitor and Education Center, which includes the Kitty King Powell Library and Study Center and The Shop at Bayou Bend, as well as state-of-the-art education and rental spaces, Bayou Bend has established its place in the continually growing cultural arts scene of Houston. www.mfah.org

About ROCO

ROCO is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 select 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 has been called the most fun you can have with serious music. www.rocohouston.org

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