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MEDIA ALERT

Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and River Oaks Chamber Orchestra Present: *A Yuletide Concert and Coffee*

December 12th, 2011

What:

Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra will present a Yuletide chamber music concert overlooking the beautiful Diana Garden on Monday, December 12th, at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy pastries, fruit, cider and coffee inside a festive Terrace Tent, and a lively holiday performance by the ROCO Brass Quintet. Quintet musicians include trumpeters George Chase and Logan Kavanaugh, trombonist Brian Logan, French hornist Gavin Reed, and Steve Curtis on tuba. The first floor of the house will open at 9:30 a.m. for guests to see the 2011 Yuletide exhibit and will reopen for thirty minutes following the concert.



When:

Monday, December 12, 2011; 10:00 a.m.

Where:

Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens
6003 Memorial Drive (Memorial Dr. at Westcott St.)

Details:

Admission is \$50 and seating is limited. Advance purchase is required. Please call 713-665-2700 for reservations. For more information, visit www.mfah.org/bayoubend or call Bayou Bend at 713.639-7759.

Background:

About Bayou Bend

Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, Houston's home for America's treasures, features one of the world's great collections of American decorative arts and paintings. The objects are displayed in the home of legendary Houston philanthropist and collector Ima Hogg (1882-1975), who gave her estate to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, in 1957. More than 20 room settings reveal the evolution of American style and taste from 1620 to 1876. The mansion is situated on 14 acres of formal gardens and lush woodlands. Bayou Bend is open year-round to visitors, and offers many programs for children, families, and adults. Visitors are also invited to enjoy the new Lora Jean Kilroy Visitor and Education Center that showcases the cultural, civic and philanthropic legacy of the Hogg family; a public research library that houses 6,000 volumes dedicated to American art, culture, history and gardening, and two meeting rooms, an education garden and a retail shop.

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, ROCO is the most fun you can have with serious music. Visit www.rocohouston.org.

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