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Musical and Literary Ofrenda Honors Día de los Muertos

Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. at Lawndale Art Center

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HOUSTON — Celebrate [Día de los Muertos](#) at [Lawndale Art Center](#) on Tuesday, October 28 with a free presentation titled *Musical and Literary Ofrenda*, performed by the [River Oaks Chamber Orchestra](#), [Musiqa](#) and [Inprint](#). During Día de los Muertos, families create ofrendas or alters to remember and honor the memory of their ancestors. On this special evening, ROCO and Musiqa will present short, original, classical compositions as musical ofrendas amongst the beautiful retablos on display at Lawndale Art Center. Between the musical interludes, Inprint writers will recite original compositions written in the tradition of making an offering during this annual event. After the concert, the [Houston Hispanic Forum](#) will host *Español y Arte*, a gathering of professionals who practice conversational Spanish in an informal setting. All are welcome to join the discussion.

The event is free. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the Ofrenda starts at 6:00. Light food and beverages will be served. For more information, visit www.rocohouston.org or call 713-665-2700.

Musical and Literary Ofrenda

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

5:30 p.m., Lawndale Art Center

4912 Main St.

Houston, Texas 77002

Admission is free

Musicians from ROCO:

Timothy Jones, baritone
Alecia Lawyer, oboe
Suzanne LeFevre, viola
Shino Hayashi, cello

Composers from Musiqa:

Anthony Brandt
Pierre Jalbert
Marcus Maroney
Karim-Al Zand
Charles Halka

Inprint authors TBD**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

About Lawndale

Lawndale Art Center develops local contemporary artists and the audience for their art. Lawndale is dedicated to the presentation of contemporary art with an emphasis on work by Houston artists. Lawndale presents exhibitions, lectures and events, and offers an annual residency program to further the creative exchange of ideas among Houston's diverse artistic, cultural and student communities. www.lawndaleartcenter.org

About Musiqa

Led by four composers, Musiqa's mission is to enrich and inspire the community through programs that integrate contemporary music with other modern art-forms. With its innovative collaborations and educational programming, Musiqa strives to make modern repertoire accessible and vital to audiences of all ages and musical backgrounds. www.musiqahouston.org

About Inprint

By fostering the art of creative writing, the mission of Inprint is to inspire readers and writers in Houston. A nonprofit organization founded in 1983, Inprint fulfills this mission through the nationally renowned Inprint Margaret Root Brown Reading Series, the *Cool Brains!* Reading Series for Young People, through literary and educational activities in the community that demonstrate the value and impact of creative writing, and through support for the UH Creative Writing Program. Today Inprint programs and events provide something for everyone and play a vital role in Houston's rich and diverse cultural life. www.inprinthouston.org

About Houston Hispanic Forum

The Houston Hispanic Forum is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization focused on improving Hispanic achievement in the greater Houston area through information and dialogue, service, collaborations, and promoting awareness of educational issues affecting Hispanics. www.hispanic-forum.org