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**ROCO Season Opener features dynamic guest conductor, Mei-Ann Chen,
and bass-baritone soloist, Timothy Jones**

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) opens its 2011-2012 season by welcoming guest conductor **Mei-Ann Chen**, who will conduct Martinu *Toccata e Due Canzoni*, Mozart *Symphony No. 40*, Finzi *Let Us Garlands Bring*, performed by baritone soloist, **Timothy Jones**, plus a surprise or two.

One of the most dynamic young conductors in America, **Mei-Ann Chen** has recently completed her first season as Music Director of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. During this time, the impact of her energy, enthusiasm and high level of music-making has already been felt by the orchestra, audiences and entire community. In June, she also assumed the music directorship of the Chicago Sinfonietta, and is only the second person to hold this position.

Acclaimed throughout the United States, Canada, South America and Europe, **Timothy Jones** is rapidly emerging as one of the leading bass-baritones of his generation. His eagerly anticipated performances combine intelligent musicianship, commanding vocal technique and a unique ability to connect with audiences. He is a champion of opera, the concert stage, chamber music, solo recitals and the premieres of contemporary works.

ROCO Season Opener

- **Saturday, Oct 22, 5pm**, at The Church of St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters*
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
- **Sunday, Oct 23, 7 pm**, at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood
Admission is free; a "love offering" will be collected during the concert

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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