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CALENDAR LISTING

RIVER OAKS ORCHESTRA LAUNCHES THIRD SEASON

ROCO-rooters offers kids music education and a night out for parents

The River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) personalizes the orchestral experience by inviting the audience into the musician's world through interactive concerts by 40 international performers; exciting music, fun-to-read programs and the **ROCO-rooters** music education/childcare program.

ROCO-rooters, for children 10 and under, is a music education program during the 5:00p.m. concerts at St. John the Divine. After the concert at 6:45 p.m. childcare is available with pizza and movies until 9:30 p.m., allowing the parents to go out for post-concert entertainment. Reservations and prepayment required: \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child; ROCO-rooters regularly sells out.

Great Start to a Great Season

Nov. 10, 2007, 5:00 p.m., St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer Conductor Lavard Skou Larsen; Bassoon Soloist Kristen Jensen

Vivaldi, Concerto for Bassoon Villa Lobos, Bacchianas Nr. 9 Mozart, Paris Symphony

Lavard Skou Larsen, conductor from Salzburg Soloists, brings Austrian expertise to Mozart and his Brazilian heritage to Villa-Lobos while ROCO's principal bassoon, Kristen Jensen, performs Vivaldi.

Music for (Music) Lovers (CONDUCTORLESS!)

Feb. 2, 2008, 5:00 p.m., St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer February 3, 2008 6:30 p.m., St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe and 610 Loop

Haydn, Symphony Concertante

Enescu, Wind Decet

Holst, St. Paul Suite

Prokofiev, Classical Symphony

Concertmaster, Brian Lewis leads from his chair in this concert without a formal conductor with soloists from ROCO in the Haydn.

Season Closer

May 3, 2008 5:00 p.m., St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer May 4, 2008 6:30 p.m., Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, 1 Westcott St.

Conductor Joel Smirnoff; narration by John Lienhard

World premier: Brad Sayles, Echoes of Invention - for Narrator and Orchestra --music from radio program *Engines of Our Ingenuity*

Ravel, Le Tombeau de Couperin

Former Juilliard String Quartet Violinist, Joel Smirnoff, conducts ROCO's final concert with a world premiere of music from John Liehnhard's KUHF program Engines of Our Ingenuity with a repeat performance at historic Bayou Bend.