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## **ROCO Oboist Finalist for Texas State Musician**

### ***Alecia Lawyer Unique One Among Country, Folk and Rock Finalists***

HOUSTON, TEXAS - February 9, 2009 - Alecia Lawyer, Executive Director and Founder of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO), has been named one of nine finalists for the 2009 Texas State Musician by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Texas State Artists are recognized by the Texas Legislature and serve a one-year term and receive statewide recognition.

The 2009 finalists are; Alejandro Escovedo, Rosie Flores, James Hand, Sara Hickman, Dan Hunter, Alecia Lawyer, Ian McLagan, Willie Nelson, Adrian Quesada and Carolyn Wonderland. Ms. Lawyer is the only classical musician among the finalists. The winner will be selected by a committee from the Texas Legislature in the spring of 2009.

Alecia Lawyer founder of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra in 2005, has brought together forty dynamic virtuosic musicians to Houston to share their unique approach to classical music. Ms. Lawyer currently serves as Executive Director of ROCO and performs as the ROCO principal oboist. ROCO has the honor of being nationally broadcast on Performance Today over eighty times this season. Alecia and her husband Larry have two fantastic sons, Jacob, 9 and Zachary, 6.

### **About the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra**

Now in our fourth season, the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO – [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)) creates personal relationships with our audience through the language of music. Forty national and international professional musicians perform interactive concerts, with musical surprises, a fun-to-read, magazine-style program, and the ROCOrooters music education/childcare program during and after each concert for kids 10 and under.