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ROCO presents its annual *Conductorless!* Concert

February 12 and 13, 2011 – This year's **Conductorless Valentine's Concert** is full of surprises, with Haydn *Surprise Symphony #94*, Dvorak *Serenade*, and some surprise pieces.

Program

Haydn *#94 Surprise Symphony*

Dvorak *Serenade for Winds*

Janacek *Idyll for Strings*

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 5:00 pm, at The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Boulevard (at Westheimer), Houston, TX 77019. Tickets are \$25; \$10 for students, at rocohouston.org, by phone at 713-665-2700, or at the door. With ROCOrooters music education/childcare program for kids 2 – 14 years.

Sunday, February 13, 2011, 5:00 pm, Valentine's Concert and Dinner at The Houstonian Hotel, 111 North Post Oak Lane, Houston, Texas 77024. Tickets include the concert followed by a three-course gourmet dinner. Childcare will be available.

Why Conductorless?

Performing without a conductor empowers the individual musicians while engaging them in self-governing collaboration that translates into a powerful and exciting experience for the audience. Removing the "wall" between orchestra and audience exposes an intimate conversation among the musicians and invites the audience into conversation with the chamber orchestra. Few orchestras of ROCO's size attempt to perform conductorless, especially on a piece as challenging as Beethoven's well-loved *Fifth Symphony*. Sharing leadership roles among ROCO's 40 musicians requires a high level of artistry and a strong spirit of "*musical joie de vivre*". The result a fantastic audience experience that author/journalist, John DeMers calls, "*the most fun you can have with serious music.*"

Buy tickets at www.rocohouston.org

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