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ROCO presents Peter and the Wolf at The Houston Zoo

Performances of the children's classic will be presented in English and Spanish

On January 16th, 2011, **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO)** will present a bilingual performance of the children's classic, *Peter and the Wolf*, in partnership with **The Houston Zoo**. The story, whose original intent was to "cultivate musical tastes in children from the first years of school," still delights and entertains. A small ensemble of ROCO musicians will play Prokofiev's composition while actors from **InterActive Theater Company**, narrate and act out the story, first in English, and a second time in Spanish. These performances will be part of a program that promotes understanding of Wolf Conservation.

Free with zoo admission.

Sunday, January 16, 2011

2:00pm in English

3:30pm in Spanish

in the Brown Education Center Auditorium in The Houston Zoo

6200 Hermann Park Drive

(formerly Golf Course Drive)

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*This event is generously sponsored by **The Children's Cancer Hospital at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.***

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About ROCO

The River Oaks Chamber Orchestra is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 all-star musicians, distinguished conductors, and famous composers, who come together from all over the world to present unexpected classics, original compositions, and delightful performances that dissolve the barriers between audience and orchestra. Founded in 2005 by principal oboist, Alecia Lawyer, ROCO is "creating personal relationships through the language of music." www.rocohouston.org

About The Houston Zoo

Recognized by *Parents* magazine as one of the Ten Best Zoos for Kids, the Houston Zoo is an exciting live animal adventure that provides a unique educational and conservation resource serving 1.7 million guests annually. Set in a 55-acre lush tropical landscape, the Zoo is home to more than 4,500 exotic animals representing more than 800 species. Operated by the not-for-profit Houston Zoo, Inc., the Houston Zoo is dedicated to the conservation of endangered species, the provision of engaging educational opportunities and the creation of stimulating exhibits that broaden the experiences of our guests and encourage their curiosity.

The Houston Zoo is located at 6200 Hermann Park Drive in beautiful Hermann Park. The Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Central Standard Time (last admission at 5 p.m.) and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. during Central Daylight Time (last admission at 6 p.m.). The Zoo is closed Christmas Day. Regular admission is \$11 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$7 for children ages 2-11 and FREE for children under 2. Visit the courtesy booth at your neighborhood Fiesta Mart and purchase an adult Zoo admission for \$9 and a child Zoo admission for \$6. Zoo memberships start at only \$55. For information on all the great benefits of becoming a Zoo member call (713) 533-6713 or visit our Web site at www.houstonzoo.org.

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