

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

2010-2011 Season

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ROCO Announces its Sixth Season

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra is delighted to announce its 2010-2011 season, which will be *“the most fun you can have with serious music”*. The season features three concert weekends with the full 40-piece chamber orchestra, four “Music Tastings,” a solo concert series that features individual ROCO musicians, and several exciting collaborations.

2010-2011 Season Schedule

ROCO IN CONCERT - *the full 40-piece chamber orchestra with guest artists in concert*

- **Season Opener**, featuring **JoAnn Falletta** conducting Mendelssohn’s *Symphony #3*, Ligeti’s *Concerto Romanesc*, and the world premiere of **Scott McAllister’s** *Rhapsodie for String Bass and Chamber Orchestra* performed by ROCO principal bass, **Sandor Ostlund**
 - Saturday, Oct 16, 5pm, at The Church of St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters*
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
 - Sunday, Oct 17, 7 pm, at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood
- **Conductorless Valentine’s Concert** is filled with romance and surprises: Haydn’s *Surprise Symphony #94*, Dvorak *Serenade*, and some surprise pieces
 - Saturday, Feb 12, 5pm, at The Church of St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters*
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
 - Sunday, Feb 13, 5pm Valentine’s Concert and Dinner at The Houstonian Hotel
- **Season Finale** featuring **Robert Moody** conducting Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 7*, *Symphony No. 1* by Dean Jose Antonio Bowen from SMU Meadows School of the Arts, and the Copland *Clarinet Concerto*, performed by principal clarinet, **Nathan Williams**
 - Saturday, Apr 9, 5pm, at St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters*
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
 - Sunday, Apr 10, 6:30, at Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID

**ROCOrooters music education/childcare program runs during and after each concert at The Church of St. John the Divine. Register online at rocohouston.org.*

ROCO “MUSIC TASTINGS” – *fun, interactive evenings of delicious music paired with fine food and drink*

- Tuesday, Sep 21 – **Beer & Brass at St. Arnold Brewery**, featuring a trombone trio led by Brian Logan, 6-8 pm, \$20 per person. ROCO will launch a *Call for Amateur Musicians* to sign up for the ROCO Pro-Am Chamber Music Program at this event.

- Tuesday, Nov 9 - **Music and Wine Tasting** featuring oboist, Alecia Lawyer at Kiran's Restaurant and Bar, 6-8pm, \$40 per person
- Tuesday, January 18 – **Layered Music, Wine, and Art Tasting** featuring violist, Suzanne LeFevre at Nos Caves Vin, 6-8pm, \$40 per person
- Tuesday, April 26 – **Music and Wine Tasting** at The Tasting Room at Uptown Park, 6-8pm, \$40 per person

ROCO COLLABORATIONS - chamber concerts and artistic collaborations

- Sunday, Oct 10 – ROCO welcomes back Alastair Willis, who will conduct the world premiere of original compositions by Anthony Brandt and Jefferson Todd Frazier at the **Buckyball Gala celebrating Rice University Smalley Institute's "The Year of NANO"** 7:00-9:00 pm at the Hyatt Downtown.
- Tuesday, Oct 26 – **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, Inprint, Musiq, and Lawndale Art Center** present a **Musical and Literary Ofrenda** evening of celebration and remembrance, 6:00-7:30 pm at Lawndale Art Center. Admission is free admission and families are welcome.
- Monday, Dec 13 – **Yuletide Concert and Coffee**, featuring the ROCO Brass Quintet, 10:00am–noon, at Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens. Tickets are \$45.
- Thursday, Jan 6 - **Amahl and the Night Visitors** with The Church of St. John the Divine. Two performances: 6:00 and 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for students.
- Sunday, Jan 16 – ROCO and InterActive Theater Company present the children's classic, **Peter and the Wolf**, 2:00 in English, 3:30 pm in Spanish, at the Houston Zoo. Sponsored by MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital. Free and family-friendly.

ROCO SOLO – individual ROCO musicians in solo concerts

Dowling Music presents ROCO in The Recital Room: a series of Sunday afternoon concerts by ROCO soloists. All performances are 2:15-4pm, at The Recital Room at Dowling Music, 2615 Southwest Freeway #220. Admission is free, and families are welcome.

- Sunday, September 26 – Richard Belcher, cello
- Sunday, November 14 – Jennifer Keeney, flute
- Sunday, January 23 – Matthew McClung, percussion
- Sunday, February 27 – Danielle Kuhlmann, horn
- Sunday, March 27 – Amy Thaville, violin
- Sunday, April 24 – Kristin Wolfe Jensen, bassoon

Additional information, schedule updates, and tickets are available 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