

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

2011-2012 Season

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ROCO Announces its 2011-2012 Season

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra's ("ROCO") 2011-2012 season is a "*fusion of cultures and generations*," with ROCO's 40 all-star musicians and guest artists from around the world presenting classical favorites and world premieres. New this season: a Chamber Series featuring individual ROCO musicians at Gremillion Gallery on Sunday afternoons, and a series of chamber concerts featuring the ROCO String Quartet at University of St. Thomas Cullen Hall.

See www.rocohouston.org for the full season schedule and to buy tickets.

ROCO in Concert

ROCO Chamber Series

ROCO Connections

September 2011:

20th **ROCO Connections:** Beer and Brass
Featuring a French Horn Trio
6:00PM, \$20 per person, includes beer and light bites
St. Arnold's Brewery [2000 Lyons Avenue, Houston, TX 77020](http://www.starnoldsbrewery.com).

29th **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by University of St. Thomas
Featuring ROCO String Quartet
7:00PM, Cullen Hall at the University of St. Thomas

October 2011:

22nd **ROCO In Concert**
Mei-Ann Chen, conductor
Timothy Jones, Baritone Soloist
Program: Martinu's Toccata, Mozart #40, and Finzi's Songs (with surprises)
5:00PM; tickets \$25 gen admission/\$10 for students
ROCOrooters music education program offered with reservations and fee
The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd

23rd **ROCO In Concert:** Encore Performance
Mei-Ann Chen, conductor
Timothy Jones, Baritone Soloist
Program: Martinu's Toccata, Mozart #40, and Finzi's Songs (with surprises)
7:00PM, First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood; FREE
5520 Kingwood Drive, Humble 77345

25th **ROCO Connections:** Musical and Literary Ofrenda
In partnership with Lawndale Art Center, Inprint and Musiqa
Original musical compositions and writings in honor of Dia de los Muertos
5:30 – 7:30PM, Performance begins at 6:15; FREE
Lawndale Art Center; 4912 Main Street

November 2011:

13th **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by Gremillion & Co.
Featuring Nathan Williams, clarinet
4:00PM; FREE
Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2501 Sunset, 77005

December 2011:

3rd **ROCO Connections:** Handel's Messiah w/ Houston Chamber Choir
10:00AM – Messiah for Kids, composed by Karim Al Zand; \$15/\$10 students
Messiah and Schubert's *Magnificat*
7:30PM – Full traditional Messiah; \$40 general admission/\$35 Seniors
The Church of St. John the Divine; 2450 River Oaks Blvd

12th **ROCO Connections:** Yuletide Concert and Coffee at Bayou Bend
ROCO Brass Quintet
10:00AM; \$45
Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens; 1 Westcott Street, 77007

January 2012:

6th **ROCO In Concert:**
Amahl and the Night Visitors in collaboration with St. John the Divine
Steve Newberry, Conductor
Kate Pogue, Director
Sean Holshouser, Amahl
Sonja Bruzauskas, Mother
Magi: Timothy Jones, Joe Rawley, Eduardo Tercero
6:00PM and 8:00PM; \$25 gen admission/\$10 students/ kids under 5 free
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church; 2450 River Oaks Blvd

15th **ROCO Connections:** Peter and the Wolf at The Houston Zoo
ROCO Quintet in Collaboration with InterACTIVE Theater Company
2:00PM and 3:30PM; Both FREE with zoo admission
Brown Education Center Auditorium

29th **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by Gremillion & Co.
Featuring Christina Jennings, flute; Matthew Dane, viola
4:00PM; FREE
Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2501 Sunset, 77005

February 2012:

- 18th **ROCO In Concert:**
Kazem Abdullah, Conductor
Richard Belcher, Cello Soloist
World Premiere and ROCO commission by Paul English
Haydn Cello Concerto, Schubert #4, plus a surprise or two
5:00PM; tickets \$25 gen admission/\$10 for students
ROCOrooters music education program offered with reservations and fee
St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd
- 19th **ROCO In Concert:** Encore Performance with Dinner
Kazem Abdullah, Conductor
Richard Belcher, Cello Soloist
World Premiere and ROCO commission by Paul English
Haydn Cello Concerto, Schubert #4, plus a surprise or two
5:00PM Performance with Dinner following; \$95 per person
The Houstonian Hotel; 111 North Post Oak Lane
- 23rd **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by University of St. Thomas
Featuring ROCO String Quartet
7:00PM
Cullen Hall at the University of St. Thomas, Yoakum

March 2012:

- 4th **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by Gremillion & Co.
Featuring Mollie Marcuson, harp
4:00PM; FREE
Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2501 Sunset, 77005

April 2012:

- 12th **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by University of St. Thomas
Featuring ROCO String Quartet
7:00PM
Cullen Hall at the University of St. Thomas
- 21st **ROCO In Concert:**
Alastair Willis, Conductor
Karol Bennett, Soprano
World Premiere and ROCO Commission by Anthony Brandt
Wagner's Siegfried Idyll; Kodaly's Galanta Dances; Some Surprises
5:00PM; tickets \$25 gen admission/\$10 for students
ROCOrooters music education program offered with reservations and fee
St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd

May 2012:

- 6th **ROCO Chamber Series:** Hosted by Gremillion & Co.
Featuring Alecia Lawyer, oboe

4:00PM; FREE
Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2501 Sunset, 77005

15th **ROCO Connections:** “Music Tasting”
Featuring Suzanne LeFevre, viola
Place/time to be announced

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