



ROCO 2012-2013 Season is a “Feast for the Ears”

On the menu: delectable guest artists, delicious main concerts, a tantalizing new chamber series, a bombastic percussion premiere, plus appetizing artistic and community collaborations

AUGUST 7, 2012, HOUSTON, TX. In its 2012-2013 Season, entitled “*Feast Your Ears*,” River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) will present a full season of delicious programming and delightful performances. The season includes two subscription series plus numerous creative collaborations with arts and community organizations.

The centerpiece of the season is **ROCO in Concert**, featuring the full 40-piece chamber Orchestra with celebrated guest artists. Four weekends of family-friendly concerts are scheduled in and around the Houston area.

- **“Fiesta,” October 6-7, 2012**

The season opener features Barcelona-born guest conductor, **Josep Caballe-Domenech**, Music Director of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, piano soloist, **Anne-Marie McDermott**, and a dynamic program of Spanish and Argentine classics by Arriaga, Ginastera and Turina, plus Mozart’s *Piano Concerto No. 20*.

Sat, Oct 6, 2012, 5pm, at the Church of St. John the Divine

Sun, Oct 7, 2012, 7pm, at the historic Crighton Theatre in Conroe, Texas

- **“Musical Melange and Organ Solo,” November 17, 2012**

ROCO features American organist, **Paul Jacobs**, and guest conductor, **Edwin Outwater** in a concert in partnership with The Church of St. John the Divine and sponsored in part by the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This musical mélange includes pieces by Shepherd School of Music composer Pierre Jalbert, plus Haydn, and Felix-Alexandre Guilmant’s *Symphony No. 1 for Organ and Orchestra*.

Sat, Nov 17, 2012, 5pm, at The Church of St. John the Divine

- **“A Timeless Feast and Brandenburg No. 2,” February 9-10, 2013**

In its annual “Conductorless” concert, ROCO will perform the well-loved second Brandenburg Concerto, Sibelius’ *Belshazzar’s Feast Suite*, Handel’s *Alexander’s Feast Overture*, and Haydn’s “*Clock*” *Symphony*. **Joseph Swensen**, Conductor Emeritus of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and Founder and Artistic Director of Unity Hills Arts Centers International, will be guest concertmaster and soloist.

Sat, Feb 9, 2013, 5pm at The Church of St. John the Divine

Sun, Feb 10, 2013 7pm, at Chapelwood Methodist Church, part of the Evans Arts Series

- **“Big Bang,” April 20-21, 2013**

Featuring the beautiful music of Beethoven, melodious tunes of Mendelssohn, and bombastic drums, the ROCO season finale will be a blast for classical music aficionados and families alike. Guest conductor, **Andre Raphel**, will present an exciting program that includes the Houston premiere of a commissioned percussion piece by internationally acclaimed composer **Jonathan Leshnoff**, performed by percussionists **Matt McClung** and **Todd Meehan**.

Sat, Apr 20, 2013, 5pm at The Church of St. John the Divine

Sun, Apr 21, 2013, 8pm at Miller Outdoor Theatre

The **ROCO Chamber Concert Series** features chamber groups drawn from within the orchestra. These are intimate concerts that highlight the virtuosity of individual musicians and ensembles and invite the audience into musical conversations. This is a new subscription series, with six performances scheduled as follows:

- Sun, **Oct 21, 2012**, 4pm at Gremillion &Co. Fine Art Annex, featuring Daniel Chrisman, bassoon
- Thu, **Nov 1, 2012**, 6:30pm at University of St. Thomas Cullen Hall, featuring the ROCO String Quartet
- Sun, **Jan 6, 2013**, 4pm at Gremillion &Co. Fine Art Annex, featuring Sandor Ostlund, principal bass
- Thu, **Feb 21, 2013**, 6:30pm at University of St. Thomas Cullen Hall, featuring the ROCO String Quartet
- Sun, **Mar 3, 2013**, 4pm at Gremillion &Co. Fine Art Annex, featuring Joseph Foley, principal trumpet
- Thu, **Apr 4, 2013**, 6:30pm at University of St. Thomas Cullen Hall, featuring the ROCO String Quartet

In addition to the two subscription series, ROCO presents numerous creative collaborations with arts and community organizations. These include a Musical and Literary Ofrenda with Musiqa, Inprint, and Lawndale Art Center as part of the Dia de los Muertos celebration; a Yuletide concert with Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens; Brass Quintet performances at West University Colonial Park and Houston Yacht Club; and three performances of Peter and the Wolf at the Houston Zoo with InterActive Theater Company. ROCO will kick off the 2012-2013 season with "Beer & Brass" at St. Arnold Brewery on September 18, 2012.

Additional information, schedule updates, and tickets are available at www.rocohouston.org

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About ROCO

ROCO is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 all-star musicians, distinguished guest conductors and dynamic 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



ROCO 2012-2013 Season Schedule

Three Performance Series

ROCO in Concert: main concerts with the full 40-piece chamber orchestra and dynamic guest artists
ROCO Chamber Series: featuring individual ROCO musicians and chamber groups in intimate settings
ROCO Connections: creative collaborations with arts and community organizations

Date & Time	Concert Specifics	Place
9/18/2012, 6pm	"Beer & Brass" featuring the ROCO Brass Quintet	St. Arnold Brewery, 2000 Lyons Ave, Houston 77020
10/6/2012, 5pm	"ROCO in Concert: Fiesta!," full 40-piece chamber orchestra concert featuring guest conductor, Josep Caballe-Domenech, and piano soloist Anne-Marie McDermott	The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston 77019
10/7/2012, 7pm	"ROCO in Concert: Fiesta!," full 40-piece chamber orchestra featuring guest conductor, Josep Caballe-Domenech, and piano soloist Anne-Marie McDermott	Crighton Theater, 234 North Main Street Conroe, TX 77301
10/21/2012, 4pm	"ROCO Chamber Series" featuring Daniel Chrisman, bassoon	Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2504 Nottingham St., Houston 77005
10/30/2012, 6pm	"Musical and Literary Ofrenda," featuring ROCO musicians with soprano voice playing original compositions in honor of loved ones who have passed away and original readings from Inprint writers	Lawndale Art Center, 4912 Main St, Houston 77002
11/1/2012, 6:30pm	"ROCO Chamber Series" featuring the ROCO String Quartet	Cullen Hall at University of St. Thomas, 4001 Mt Vernon St., Houston, TX, 77006
11/17/2012, 5pm	"ROCO in Concert: Musical Melange and Organ Solo," full 40-piece chamber orchestra, featuring guest conductor, Edwin Outwater and Paul Jacobs organ soloist	The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston 77019
12/10/2012, 10am	"Yuletide at Bayou Bend" holiday concert and coffee featuring the ROCO Brass Quintet	Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, 1 Westcott St, Houston 77007
1/6/2012, 4pm	"ROCO Chamber Series" featuring Sandor Ostlund, principal bass	Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2504 Nottingham St., Houston 77005
1/13/2013, 2pm	ROCO Brass Quintet	Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571
1/20/2013, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 pm	"Peter and the Wolf" featuring an ensemble of ROCO musicians with InterActive Theater Company	The Houston Zoo, 1513 Cambridge, Houston 77030

2/9/2013, 5pm	"ROCO in Concert: A Timeless Feast and Brandenburg No. 2" with the full 40-piece chamber orchestra, featuring Joseph Swensen as guest concertmaster and soloist	The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston 77019
2/10/2012, 7pm	"ROCO in Concert: A Timeless Feast and Brandenburg No. 2" with the full 40-piece chamber orchestra, featuring Joseph Swensen as guest concertmaster and soloist	Chapelwood Methodist Church, part of the Evans Arts Series, 11140 Greenbay Street Houston, TX 77024
2/21/2013, 6:30pm	"ROCO Chamber Series" featuring the ROCO String Quartet	Cullen Hall at University of St. Thomas, 4001 Mt Vernon St., Houston, TX, 77006
3/3/2013, 4pm	"ROCO Chamber Series" featuring Joseph Foley, principal trumpet	Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2504 Nottingham St., Houston 77005
4/4/2013, 6:30pm	"ROCO Chamber Series" featuring the ROCO String Quartet	Cullen Hall at University of St. Thomas, 4001 Mt Vernon St., Houston, TX, 77006
5-Apr-2013	ROCO Brass Quintet at Colonial Park Family Day	West University Colonial Park, 4130 Byron Street Houston, TX 77005
4/20/2013, 5pm	"ROCO in Concert: Big Bang," full 40-piece chamber orchestra, featuring guest conductor Andre Raphael, and the world premiere of a percussion duo by composer, Jonathan Leshnoff, and featuring percussion soloists Matt McClung and Todd Meehan	The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd., Houston 77019
4/21/2013, 8pm	"ROCO in Concert: Big Bang," full 40-piece chamber orchestra, featuring guest conductor Andre Raphael, and the Houston premiere of a percussion duo by composer, Jonathan Leshnoff, and featuring percussion soloists Matt McClung and Todd Meehan	Miller Outdoor Theater, 6000 Hermann Park Drive Houston, TX 77030