



**For Immediate Release**

## **ROCO's 2013-2014 Season is a journey "Around the World in ROCO Ways"**

*On the itinerary: international guest artists, exciting main concerts,  
an adventurous chamber series, and intrepid creative collaborations*

**MAY 31, 2013, HOUSTON, TX.** ROCO's 2013-2014 season is a journey "Around the World in ROCO Ways," during which the group will present a full season of adventurous programming and sensational performances. The season includes two subscription series plus numerous creative collaborations, all of which will be *the most fun you can have with serious music*.

### **ROCO in Concert**

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.

- **"ROCO Celebrates Asia," September 27, 28 & 29, 2013**

In its season opener, ROCO welcomes guest conductor Mei-Ann Chen, French Horn soloist, Danielle Kuhlmann and tenor, Zach Averyt, who will perform the Britten *Serenade*. Also on the program: Huang Ruo *Folksongs for Orchestra* and Bela Bartok *Suite No. 2 for Small Orchestra*.

Fri, Sep 27, 2013, 7:30pm, at Asia Society Center

Sat, Sep 28, 2013, 5pm, at the Church of St. John the Divine

Sun, Sep 29, 2013, 7pm, at the historic Crighton Theatre in Conroe, Texas

- **"ROCO Sousa Style," November 9 & 10, 2013**

ROCO celebrates Veteran's Day Sousa Style with guest conductor Keith Brion of the New Sousa Band, Soprano, Alicia Gianni, Xylophonist, Matthew McClung, and trombonist, Thomas Hulten, in a program that features music from John Philip Sousa, Victor Herbert, and others from the fabulous, historic Sousa era.

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

Sun, Nov 10, 2013, 6:30pm, at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center

- **"ROCO Celebrates Austria - Conductorless!" February 22 & 23, 2014**

In its annual "Conductorless" concert, ROCO welcomes violin soloist and guest concertmaster, Andres Cardenes in a program that celebrates The Viennese School from Austria: Mozart *Serenata notturna*, Haydn *Symphony #103 (the Drum Roll)* and Schoenberg *Chamber Symphony No. 2*.

Sat, Feb 22, 2014, 5pm at The Church of St. John the Divine

Sun, Feb 23, 2014 6:30pm, at the historic Sugar Land Auditorium in Sugar Land, Texas

- **"ROCO Celebrates France," April 5 & 6, 2014**

Featuring popular guest conductor, Alastair Willis, and ROCO's principal bassoonist, Kristin Wolfe-Jensen, as featured soloist. The program includes the World Premiere of *Chasing Light*, by Carter Pann for ROCO, the Devienne *Concerto for Bassoon and Orchestra*, Ibert *Divertissement* and Debussy *Petite Suite*.

Sat, Apr 5, 2014, 5pm at The Church of St. John the Divine

Sun, Apr 6, 2014, 6:30pm at Grace Presbyterian Church

## **ROCO Chamber Series**

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 subscription series includes six Sunday afternoon performances at Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex. Specific dates and chamber groups will be announced at a later date.

## **ROCO Connections**

In addition to the two subscription series, ROCO presents numerous creative collaborations with arts and community organizations. ROCO is delighted to collaborate with Houston Chamber Choir to present the annual holiday performance of Handel's Messiah on December 7, 2013, at The Church of St. John the Divine.

Additional creative collaborations include a Musical and Literary Ofrenda with Musiqa, Inprint, and Lawndale Art Center as part of the Dia de los Muertos celebration; a Yuletide holiday concert with Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens; Brass Quintet performances at the Houston Astros, 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 2013-2014 season with "Beer & Brass" at St. Arnold Brewery on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

***Additional information, schedule updates, and tickets are available at [www.rocohouston.org](http://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*. ROCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)