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ROCO presents *Divas and Ballerinas*

Performance scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 5:00 p.m. at Fred Astaire Dance Studio

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HOUSTON — [River Oaks Chamber Orchestra](#) continues its [ROCO Unchambered](#) series with a performance on January 25 at 5:00 pm titled *Divas and Ballerinas* featuring ROCO violist [Tawnya Popoff](#), with pianist Charles Tauber. The concert includes revered pieces from the most beloved composers of ballet and opera, but what unites the pieces are their ability to tell a story. “As I’ve performed throughout the world, my eyes have opened to the universality of the ‘human story’ as told through different cultures and different people,” said Ms. Popoff. The performance includes music from [Puccini](#), [Bizet](#), [Prokofiev](#) and [Stravinsky](#) plus [Beethoven](#)’s *Variations on Magic Flute* and music from [Gershwin](#)’s *Porgy and Bess*. Ms. Popoff concludes, “I seem to gravitate toward the storytelling side of the performing arts.”



In keeping with the spirit of the evening, the concert takes place inside the dance studio of [Fred Astaire Dance Studio](#) at 3601 Westheimer. Tickets for the performance are \$25 for General Admission and \$15 for Students. To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit www.rocohouston.org or call 713-665-2700.

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5:00 p.m., Fred Astaire Dance Studio – River Oaks

3601 Westheimer

Houston, Texas 77027

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$15 Student at www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700

Musician Bio:



[Tawnya Popoff](#), ROCO Violist. Canadian violist **Tawnya Popoff** enjoys an exciting and versatile international career. In addition to being principal violist with the Vancouver Opera since 2007, she is continuously sought after for diverse chamber music collaborations and recitals. She is a founding member of both Microcosmos {a string quartet}, and the Driftwood Duo (viola/cello), a member of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (TX), the Walden School Players (NH) and has ongoing collaborations with Cedar Lake

Contemporary Ballet and Cherylyn Lavagnino Dance and VisionIntoArt.

Education: BMus from UBC in Vancouver and MMus from Rice University in Houston

About ROCO

ROCO is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 select 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 currently celebrating its 10th Anniversary Season with its ongoing commitment to shape the future of classical music by energizing, modernizing and personalizing the orchestral experience. www.rocohouston.org

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