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## ROCO Opens Unchambered Concert Series

*“Walk with Me” scheduled for Sunday, November 23, 5:00 p.m. at Enigma Lounge*

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HOUSTON — [River Oaks Chamber Orchestra](#) debuts its [ROCO Unchambered](#) chamber series with a performance on November 23 called *Walk with Me* featuring ROCO Principal Trombone [Thomas Hulten](#). Associate Artistic Director [Suzanne LeFevre](#) explains, “*ROCO Unchambered* is intentionally programmed to be a fresh form of chamber presentation. While rooted in the basic repertoire of classical chamber music, we plan to tinker with convention a bit – perhaps with the venue or with collaborations and with the actual programming.

One thing remains the same however: *ROCO Unchambered* will continue to feature ROCO musicians and will continue to deliver performances at the highest musical standard.”

For this concert, *ROCO Unchambered* ventures to the cool vibe inside [Enigma Lounge](#) in the Rice Village for an evening of jazz and spirituals. “The concert begins with some beautifully crafted but under-appreciated compositions from the Salvation Army songbook.” says Mr. Hulten, “The concert evolves into a jazz set with some of my closest musical friends. It’s a walk I will take musically with the audience and we’ll see where we end up together.” Music from the Salvation Army songbook includes compositions from Handel and Steadman-Allen. The jazz set features Hulten’s own music and jazz standards from Mr. Hulten’s multiple Grammy-nominated CD [Slide Side](#).

Tickets for the performance are \$25 for General Admission and \$15 for Students. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or call 713-665-2700.

## **ROCO Unchambered: Walk with Me**

**Sunday, November 23, 2014**

5:00 p.m., Enigma Lounge

2540 University Blvd.

Second Level

Houston, Texas 77005

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$15 Student at [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700

Thomas Hulten, trombone

Sarah Spencer, piano

Mike Owen, guitar

Andrew Gordon, bass

Joel Fulgham, percussion

### **Musician Bios:**

[Thomas Hulten](#), ROCO Principal Trombone, is also Principal Trombone with the Houston Grand Opera/Houston Ballet and is Affiliate Artist with the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston. He started playing at the age of ten in the local Salvation Army Band in his hometown of Katrineholm, Sweden. After completing his military service with the Swedish Army Band, he studied trombone performance at the Gothenburg Conservatory. Since moving to Houston, Texas in 1997, he has performed with the Houston Symphony, Theater Under The Stars, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, Dave Brubeck, Natalie Cole, Barry Manilow, Patti Austin, Johnny Mathis and Michael Bolton.

Hulten has been featured at the International Trombone Festival and has toured Europe, Japan, Germany, Holland Australia, New Zealand and the USA. His album "Slide Side" was released by Tierra Studios in 2009 and is available on iTunes and Amazon. "Slide Side" was nominated for five Grammys in 2010.

### **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 has been called the most fun you can have with serious music. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)

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