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### **ROCOco. Paired Grazioso and Grapes for a Well-Balanced Evening**

**Houston, October 15, 2007** – River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) is pleased to announce the successful pairing of wine and music on October 11th at the Tasting Room in Uptown Park. With this event, ROCO launched a new series to tempt the palate and enchant the ear during the concert season.

Kicking off this inaugural series, ROCOco. (ROCO company) journeyed to Spain on October 11th at the Tasting Room in Uptown Park. Matt McClung, ROCO's principal percussionist sampled Spanish music on his marimba while guests enjoyed a flight of Spanish wine and tapas. Guests tasted a Tango , a Spanish Dance, and pieces by Tarrega and Albeniz.

"There are so many exciting composers and pieces to choose from when you look at a country like Spain," said Matt McClung. "I was able to show the flair of a guitar piece and the intoxicating beat of a tango to go with particular wines that have similar descriptive words."

At the event, Alecia Lawyer, ROCO founder and principal oboist, announced the generous donation of Sally and Cart Frost to underwrite the Percussionist Chair of Matt McClung for the season.

The inaugural ROCOco. (ROCO company) series will take flight to France and Germany at two additional events. Each event will feature a ROCO musician performing music from a selected country with wines from the same region.

Scheduled ROCOco. wine and music tastings are:

January 17, 2008	France	Alecia Lawyer, ROCO founder and principal oboist
April 10, 2008	Germany	Matthew Dane, ROCO principal violist

Tickets are \$100 and are available in advance at [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or by contacting (713) 665-2700. Tickets for ROCO's 2007-2008 Season, which begins on November 10th, are also available.

#### **About the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra**

Now in its third season, the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) personalizes the orchestral experience by inviting the audience into the musician's world. Forty national and international performers provide interactive concerts of exciting music, old and new. Opening the experience to all, ROCO also offers a fun-to-read, magazine-style programs and the ROCO Rooters music education/childcare program that runs in tandem and after the concert.

Additional photographs available upon request.

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