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**ROCO Season Opener features dynamic guest conductor, JoAnn Falletta,
and string bass soloist, Sandor Ostlund**

River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) opens its 2010-2011 season by welcoming back guest conductor **JoAnn Falletta**, who will conduct Mendelssohn's *Symphony #3*, Ligeti's *Concerto Romanesc*, and the world premiere of **Scott McAllister's** *Rhapsodie for String Bass and Chamber Orchestra* performed by ROCO principal bass, **Sandor Ostlund**.

Called "one of the finest conductors of her generation" by the New York Times, **Ms. Falletta** serves as the Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. She is a vibrant ambassador for music and an inspiring artistic leader, both on and off the podium.

Scott McAllister is Associate Professor of Composition at Baylor School of Music. Dr. McAllister completed his doctorate in composition at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. He has received numerous commissions, performances, and awards throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

ROCO's principal string bass, **Sandor Ostlund** is in his fourth season with ROCO. Dr. Ostlund is Associate Professor of Double Bass at Baylor University. He is an active and versatile performer as a soloist and as a chamber, early music, and orchestral musician. He has been featured with International Society of Bassists Conventions, as concert soloist with orchestras, in live radio broadcasts, and has premiered several works for solo double bass.

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- **Saturday, Oct 16, 5pm**, at The Church of St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters*
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
- **Sunday, Oct 17, 7 pm**, at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood

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About ROCO

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