

# River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

## 2009-2010 Season

### ROCO Announces its Fifth Season

The River Oaks Chamber Orchestra is launching its 2009-2010 season with the theme, “**Classical Gems and Musical Treasures**”. The season features a subscription series of three concerts at St. John the Divine, Sunday performances in various venues, several exciting collaborations, chamber concerts, music tasting events, and a new Recital Series. A treasure hunt will be woven throughout the season; it will include clues that enhance the audience’s enjoyment of the music and provide chances to win prizes.

### 2009-2010 Season Schedule

#### ROCO IN CONCERT

- **Season Opener, featuring Joel Smirnoff** conducting Haydn’s Miracle Symphony, ROCO soloist and concertmaster, Brian Lewis, performing Mendelssohn’s *Violin Concerto in e Minor*, and *Awakening for String Orchestra*, by Iranian composer Behzad Ranjbaran
  - Saturday, Oct 10, 5pm, at St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters\*  
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
  - Sunday, Oct 11, 7 pm, at Chapelwood Methodist Church, sponsored by the Evans Arts Series.  
Admission is free.
- **Conductorless! Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, featuring piano soloist, Simone Dinnerstein**
  - Saturday, Feb 13, 5pm, at St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters\*  
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
  - Sunday, Feb 14, 5pm Valentine’s Concert and Dinner at The Houstonian Hotel.
- **World premiere of Buffalo Bayou Suite documentary film score, conducted by Robert Moody**
  - Saturday, Apr 17, 5pm, at St. John the Divine, with ROCOrooters\*  
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID
  - Sunday, Apr 18, 6:30, at the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens  
Tickets are \$25, \$10 for students with valid student ID

*\*ROCOrooters music education/childcare program runs during and after each concert at St. John’s so that parents may enjoy the concert and dinner afterward while the kids participate in an enriching, educational experience. Register online at [rocohouston.org](http://rocohouston.org).*

#### ROCOco “MUSIC TASTINGS”

Great music, fine wine and good company – that’s “ROCO company,” or ROCOco. This season, in addition to our traditional music and wine tasting events, ROCO will host a “Beer and Brass” ROCO sponsored by St. Arnold’s. Tickets are \$80 per person, of which \$32 is a tax-deductible donation.

- Tuesday, Sep 29 - Beer and Brass Music Tasting sponsored by St. Arnold’s and featuring French Horn soloist, Danielle Kuhlmann. *This program is generously underwritten by St. Arnolds.*
- Tuesdays: Nov 10, Jan 26, and Mar 30 – Wine and Music Tastings sponsored by The Tasting Room in Uptown Park. *This program is generously underwritten by The Tasting Room.*

## **ROCO MUSIC AMONG FRIENDS**

### ***Chamber Concerts and Collaborations***

Because of its intimate nature, chamber music has been described as “music of friends.” ROCO continues the tradition of small ensembles performing in intimate environments by presenting chamber concerts and by collaborating with other Houston arts groups.

- Saturday, Oct 10 – Master classes at HSPVA – ROCO principal musicians offer instrumental music classes to area students, 10am
- Tuesday, Oct 27 – “Musical Ofrenda” chamber concert with Musiqa and readings by Inprint at Lawndale Art Center as part of the Día de los Muertos celebration, 6:00 pm
- Monday, Dec 7 - Yuletide Concert & Coffee at Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, featuring percussionist, Matt McClung, 10am
- Saturday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – ROCO and Chopin Society present Adam Golka, pianist and Thomas Golka, conductor, at Stude Concert Hall at Rice University, 8pm
- Sunday, April 25 – ROCO and The Children’s Museum of Houston present a “multi-media” performance of *Peter and the Wolf*, 2pm. *Sponsored by M. D. Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital.*
- Friday, May 7, 2010 – ROCO & Aperio: Music of the Americas with Michael Zuraw at Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline Street, Houston 77004, 7:30 pm

*Some times and locations are subject to change. See [rocohouston.org](http://rocohouston.org) for specific dates and details.*

## **ROCO IN RECITAL**

*Dowling Music presents ROCO at The Recital Room: a series of professional recitals by ROCO soloists. All performances are 2:15-4pm, at The Recital Room at Dowling Music, 2615 Southwest Freeway #220. Admission is free, and families are welcome.*

- Sunday, September 27 – Brian Lewis, violin
- Sunday, November 22 – Kana Kimura, violin
- Sunday, January 17 – Alecia Lawyer, oboe
- Sunday, February 21 – Suzanne LeFevre, viola
- Sunday, March 21 – Eric Gronfor, bass
- Sunday, April 11 – Maiko Sasaki, clarinet

## **About ROCO**

The River Oaks Chamber Orchestra is a professional chamber orchestra of 40 all-star musicians, distinguished conductors, and famous composers, who come together from all over the world to present unexpected classics, original compositions, and delightful performances that dissolve the barriers between audience and orchestra. Founded in 2005 by principal oboist, Alecia Lawyer, ROCO is “creating personal relationships through the language of music.” [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)