

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

April – May 2011

- April 2 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents "A Night in Madrid" – Boccherini's Spanish-influenced music including Fandango for Guitar and Strings, Cello Concerto #9, and Symphony La Casa del Diavolo. Cullen Theater at Worthan Center. www.mercurybaroque.org or 713-533-0080
- April 5 8:00pm **Eroica Trio** presented by Houston Friends of Chamber Music. Susie Park, violin; Sara Sant'ambrogio, cello; Erika Nickrenz, piano. Music by Mozart, Ireland, Higdon, and Brahms. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org or 713-348-5400
- April 8 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents jazz supergroup WATTS featuring Jeff "Tain" Watts, Nicholas Payton, David Sanchez and Christian McBride. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- April 8 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents "A Bright Future" – performances by 17 chamber music students from the Houston Youth Symphony. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama at Woodhead. www.stceciliahouston.org or 713-331-0359
- April 9 5:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents its season finale concert with guest conductor Robert Moody and soloist Nathan Williams playing the Copland Clarinet Concerto. Church of St. John the Divine, River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700. **CONCERT REPEATS April 10, 6:30pm, at MFAH's Bayou Bend (see website).**
- April 15 8:00pm **Ebène String Quartet** – Houston debut presented by Da Camera. Works of Debussy, Fauré, and Ravel. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- April 15 8:00pm **Divergence Vocal Theater** presents Klytemnestra: The Original Subversive Female – world premiere opera dance theater. Music by Dominick DiOrio, with Misha Penton, soprano, Meg Brooker, dancer; Meredith Harris, viola, and Kyle Evans, piano. Divergence Music & Arts at Spring Street Studios, 1824 Spring St (in 6th Ward). www.divergencevocaltheater.org
- April 16 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents the young Flamenco master Grisha Goryachev, a native of Russia who is reviving solo flamenco guitar music in the style of Montoya, Sabicas, and Paco de Lucía. Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1900 Bering Drive. www.guitarhouston.org or 713-665-2712
- April 17 11:00am **Divas Jazz Brunch** presented by Divas World Productions. Guest jazz musicians will include trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.DivasWorld.org or 713-524-2854
- April 17 2:15pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents ROCO in Recital, featuring bassoonist Kristin Wolfe Jensen. The Recital Room at Dowling Music, 2615 SW Frwy near Kirby. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- April 17 6:00pm **Bach Society** presents Bach's St. Matthew Passion with the Bach Choir, Mercury Baroque, Houston Boy Choir, and soloists Melissa Givens, Sishel Claverie, Paul Busselberg, Randall Umstead, and Matthias Weichert; Albert LeDoux, director. Free-will offering accepted. Christ the King Lutheran Church, Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-523-2864
- April 22 3:00pm **Bach Society** presents the Good Friday performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion with the Bach Choir, Mercury Baroque, Houston Boy Choir, and soloists Melissa Givens, Sishel Claverie, Paul Busselberg, Randall Umstead, and Matthias Weichert; Albert LeDoux, director. Christ the King Lutheran Church, Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-523-2864.

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- April 25 7:30pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents Sax: Italian Style – Italian new-music virtuosi Mario Ciaccio, alto saxophone, and Simone Miotto, piano, plus contemporary Italian songs from Raúl Orlando Edwards with Paul Boyd. Jones Hall, University of St. Thomas, 3910 Yoakum. www.modernmusic.org
- April 26 6:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents a ROCO Music Tasting, featuring clarinetist Maiko Sasaki. The Tasting Room at Uptown Park, 1101 Uptown Park Blvd. near Post Oak Blvd. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- April 28 8:00pm **Emerson String Quartet** presented by Houston Friends of Chamber Music. Mozart String Quartet in C, K. 456 "Dissonance," Beethoven String Quartet in C-sharp, Op. 131. Also, world premiere of Shepherd School professor/composer Pierre Jalbert's String Quartet No. 5. Stude Hall, Rice University. www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org or 713-348-5400
- April 29 8:00pm **Divas World** presents Cold War Stories – a Divas Song Salon with violist James Dunham and the music of Ligeti, Gorecki, Penderecki, Shostakovich, and Kurtag. Narration by Dr. David Eagleman. Duncan Recital Hall, Rice University. www.DivasWorld.org or 713-524-2854
- May 2 7:30pm **Houston Early Music** presents the Flanders Recorder Quartet with soprano Cecile Kempnaers in a program of Renaissance music and poetry along with new works that tell the story of King Henry VIII and his six wives. www.houstonearlymusic.org or 713-432-1744
- May 3 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents James Dunham, viola; Kathy Winkler, violin; Jennifer Owen, violin; and Desmond Hoebig, cello, performing Bartok's String Quartet No. 1 and Schubert's Quartet in D Minor, "Death and the Maiden." St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama at Woodhead. www.stceciliahouston.org or 713-331-0359
- May 6 7:30pm **Aperio, Music of the Americas** presents Waltzing to the Edge – dance-based chamber music by Ginastera, Hartke, Macky, and others. Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline St. in Midtown. www.aperioamericas.org or 713-965-4597
- May 7 7:30pm **Cantare Houston** presents the choral music of Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, including a newly commissioned world premiere. Dunham Theater, Morris Cultural Arts Center, Houston Baptist University. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648
- May 7 8:00pm **Da Camera of Houston** presents Folk Songs Transformed: Old Into New – a program of chamber music inspired by folk songs. Prokofiev Overture on Hebrew Themes; Brahms Trio in A Minor, Op. 114; Berio Folksongs. Featuring mezzo-soprano Jean Stilwell, cellist Amit Peled, violinist Frank Huang, and pianist Sarah Rothenberg. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- May 13 7:30pm **Divas World** presents Jazz Salon: New York – featuring jazz trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.DivasWorld.org or 713-524-2854
- May 14 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents Venetian Vespers – 17th-century Italian sacred music. Works by Colonna, Grandi, Bassani and Rigatti, performed with period instruments under the guidance of early music authority Dr. Anne Schnoebelen. Church of St. John the Divine, River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- May 14 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents Mozart's Requiem, Serenata Notturna, and a Mendelssohn String Symphony, performed with period instruments. www.mercurybaroque.org or 713-533-0080. **PREVIEW PERFORMANCE May 13, 8:00pm, at U of H Clear Lake (see website)**
- May 17 8:00pm **Divas World** presents Belongings – a Divas Song Salon featuring soloists Sonja Bruzauskas and Kenneth Gayle, and pianist Rodney Waters. Narration by Dr. David Eagleman. Duncan Recital Hall, Rice University. www.DivasWorld.org or 713-524-2854.
- May 22 5:00pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents the final round of the 5th Annual Robert Avalon Composers Competition, with judges including Texas-born Christopher Theofanidis. Submissions from all over the world. Duncan Recital Hall, Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. www.modernmusic.org