

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

December 2015 – January 2016

- Dec. 3 and 5 **Mercury** presents Vivaldi's Christmas Concerto and selected arias, plus traditional carols of the season. Midtown and Museum District (see www.MercuryHouston.org) 713-533-0080
- Dec. 5 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents Britten's St. Nicolas cantata, with children's choir and orchestra. South Main Baptist, 4100 Main St. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Dec. 5 7:30pm **Houston Choral Society** presents Celebrate the Season – Christmas concert at Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Rd. near Hwy. 290. Tickets: www.houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 6 3:00pm **Houston Choral Society** presents Believe, a contemporary family-oriented Christmas concert at Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Rd. Tickets: www.houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 5 7:30pm **Houston Early Music** presents Chatham Baroque in a Christmas program featuring music of Spain and the New World, with vocalists, plucked instruments, and percussion. Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave. www.houstonearlymusic.org or 281-846-4222
- Dec. 5 7:30pm **VOX-The Rob Seible Singers** presents A Christmas VOX – Houston composer Roger Keele's cantata "Jesus, Royal Bridegroom," plus contemporary seasonal music in the vocal jazz idiom. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. www.vox-rss.com
- Dec. 5 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents the Thelonious Monk Competition-winning jazz saxophonist Melissa Aldana. Wortham Center; Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 7 10:00am **ROCO's** Brass Quintet performs Christmas favorites on the lawn at Bayou Bend. Enjoy delicious bites and beverages, and after the concert visit the mansion for a unique tour featuring Ima Hogg and Santa. Reservations required. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Dec. 8 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents the Chiara String Quartet – Playing by Heart (Ravel, Bartók, and Brahms). Rice Univ., Stude Hall. www.chambermusichouston.org or 713-348-5400
- Dec. 8 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents Inner Worlds: Schumann, Lieberson and Rilke. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 9 7:30pm **WindSync** presents a Holiday Concert and Party at the Alley Theatre's 14th-floor Boardroom, 615 Texas Avenue. Tickets available at windsync.org
- Dec. 12 and 13, 3:30, 7:30 **Houston Chamber Choir** presents Christmas at the Villa – a Houston Chamber Choir holiday tradition, with the Treble Choir of Houston at the matinee performances. Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Dec. 12 7:30pm **Houston Cecilia Chamber Choir** presents A Christmas Pops Concert. Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee Lane at Beltway 8. www.houstoncecilia.org or 281-486-5052
- Dec. 12 8:00pm **Mercury** presents a period-instrument performance of Handel's complete Messiah. Wortham Center; Cullen Theater. www.MercuryHouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 13 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents an Advent Vespers with the Bach Choir and Mercury, featuring Bach's Advent cantata 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme. First Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman St. in Midtown. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Dec. 14 7:00pm **Houston Masterworks Chorus** presents selections from Handel's Messiah, a Sing-Along, and other selected festive carols of the season. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway. www.houstonmasterworks.org or 713-529-8900
- Dec. 19, 20, 21 **Cantare Houston** presents its annual holiday concert – "Tonight, Eternity Alone" 7:30pm at the Museum of Fine Arts (Beck Bldg.), 5601 Main St. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648
- Dec. 27 11:00am **Lone Star Lyric** presents their cabaret-style twist on festive carols and favorites of the holiday season, with a jazz band. First Methodist Church, 1320 Main St. www.lonestarlyric.org
- Dec. 31 8:00pm **Energy Corridor of Houston Orchestra** presents a New Year's Eve concert followed by a party at the Holiday Inn Houston-West Energy Corridor. Pre-concert dinner and a 1:30am breakfast buffet, plus special room rates available. www.ECHOchestra.org
- Dec. 31 9:30pm **Ars Lyrica** presents a stylish New Year's Eve event featuring Vivaldi's "Winter" and Handel's Apollo e Dafne, with soloists Lauren Snouffer and Mark Diamond. Pre-concert dinner and a post-concert Champagne gala at Zilkha Hall also available – see www.arslyricahouston.org
- Jan. 7 6:00pm **ROCO** presents its annual Beer and Brass concert featuring craft beers and traditional beer-hall music. St. Arnold's Brewery, 2000 Lyons Ave. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 8 8:00pm **Apollo Chamber Players** presents Texas Roots – exploring our state's distinctive musical and cultural history, featuring a new work based on Texas folk music. Pre-concert talk at 7:15pm. MATCH, 3400 Main St. in Midtown. Tickets: matchouston.org or 713-521-4533
- Jan. 9 8:00pm **Musiq** presents music by Crockett, Crumb, Friar, Lieberson and Welcher; plus a poetry reading by Inprint's Rich Levy. MATCH, 3400 Main St. in Midtown. Tickets: www.matchouston.org
- Jan. 14 7:30pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Clive Swansbourne performing Bach's partitas 5 and 6, and the French Overture, BWV 829-831. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Jan. 15 8:00pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents "Loesser Is More" – cabaret-style concert with jazz band. Songs from Broadway and Hollywood including Guys & Dolls, A Most Happy Fella, Baby, It's Cold Outside. CaviArt Gallery, 2337 Bissonnet. www.lonestarlyric.org or 917-414-9577
- Jan. 16 8:00pm **Mercury** combines the heat of Piazzolla's Tango Nuevo and the serenity of Bach's Art of the Fugue into a unique blend of these two styles – an experience that will make you dance, body and soul. Wortham Center; Cullen Theater. www.MercuryHouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Jan. 17 2, 3, & 4:00pm **ROCO** partners with Interactive Theater Company to bring Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" to life at the Houston Zoo. Free with zoo admission, and part of the zoo's initiative to promote wolf conservation. 6200 Hermann Park Dr. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 17 6:00pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents "Loesser Is More" – cabaret-style concert with jazz band. Songs from Broadway and Hollywood including Guys & Dolls, A Most Happy Fella, and Baby, It's Cold Outside. CaviArt Gallery, 2337 Bissonnet. www.lonestarlyric.org or 917-414-9577
- Jan. 21 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents Chanticleer performing works from the Baroque to the Romantic in a program titled "Over the Moon." Rice University, Stude Concert Hall. www.chambermusichouston.org or 713-348-5400
- Jan. 22 7:30pm **ROCO** Brass Quintet presents the second of its three-concert series at the Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston (MATCH), 3400 Main St. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 24 4:00pm **Context** presents the Brahms Trio for Horn, Violin, and Piano, featuring period instruments including the breathtaking colors of the natural (valveless) horn. Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall. www.musicincontext.org or 713-665-2620
- Jan. 29 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents the Houston debut of the Montrose Trio with clarinetist Richie Hawley. Wortham Theater Center; Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Jan. 30 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents Ekachai Jearakul, the first Asian guitarist to win the prestigious Guitar Foundation of America International Concert Artist Competition. Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1900 Bering Dr. For ticket information, call 281-367-9060
- Jan. 31 4:00pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents its free high-school choral festival "Hear the Future." Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566