

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

December 2016 – January 2017

- Dec. 1 and Dec. 3 **Mercury** presents A Mexican Baroque Christmas – holiday music from the great cathedrals of Puebla and Mexico City. See website for locations and times (December 1 in Midtown, December 3 in the Memorial area): www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 3 7:30pm **The Houston Choral Society** presents the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Road (near 290). Tickets: www.houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 3 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents jazz vocalist Cecile McLorin Salvant (2016 Grammy winner for Best Vocal Jazz Album). Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 4 2:30pm **The Houston Choral Society** presents a family concert of Christmas favorites, audience caroling, and a special guest appearance by Cypress Ridge High School Varsity Choir. Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Road near Hwy. 290. Tickets: www.houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 4 3:30pm **WindSync** and Vitacca Dance Project present Simple Gifts – holiday musical arrangements with original choreography. Hobby Center, Zilkha Hall. www.windsync.org
- Dec. 5 10:00am **ROCO's** Brass Quintet performs Christmas favorites at Bayou Bend. Enjoy delicious bites and take the tour featuring Ima Hogg and Santa. Reservations required. www.rocohouston.org
- Dec. 6 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents The King's Singers performing a full program of beautiful holiday songs, from Orlande de Lassus to Irving Berlin. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. www.chambermusic-houston.org or 713-348-5400
- Dec. 9 7:30pm **Houston Early Music** presents Musica Pacifica – Frost and Fire: A Scottish Christmas Celebration. Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave. www.houstonearlymusic.org
- Dec. 9 8:00pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents "A Swingin' Holiday" cabaret-style concert with jazz trio performing festive holiday favorites from the American Songbook. MATCH, 3400 Main St. in Midtown. www.lonestarlyric.org or 917-414-9577. **Repeats Dec. 11 at 5:00pm**
- Dec. 10 8:00pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents "White Christmas" sing-along, and "Clooney & Crosby open-mic sing-a-like, with pianist Joseph Li. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.lonestarlyric.org or 917-414-9577
- Dec. 9 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents guitarist Jason Vieaux, winner of the 2015 Grammy for Best Classical Instrumental Solo. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 10 and 11, 3:30, 7:30 **Houston Chamber Choir** presents Christmas at the Villa, featuring Britten's Ceremony of Carols with harpist Laura Smith, and the Treble Choir of Houston at matinee performances. Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Dec. 10 8:00pm **Mercury** presents Vivaldi's Gloria with soloists and members of the Houston Symphony Chorus. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 11 4:30pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents its 30th-anniversary concert with a rich variety of vocal and instrumental works, honoring original founders Berry Bowen and Arthur Gottschalk, who will curate. MATCH Gallery, 3400 Main St. www.modernmusic.org
- Dec. 11 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents a Bach Vespers for Advent – Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 61. Pre-vespers talk at 5:15pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Dec. 18, 19, & 20 **Cantare Houston** presents its annual holiday concerts, "Love Divine," 7:30pm at MFAH. Museum of Fine Arts (Beck Building), 5601 Main St. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648
- Dec. 19 7:00pm **Houston Masterworks Chorus** presents a "Sing-Along" Handel's Messiah and selected carols, with orchestra, organ, soloists, and chorus. Tom Jaber, artistic director/conductor. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy. www.houstonmasterworks.org
- Dec. 31 7:30pm **Energy Corridor of Houston Orchestra** presents a New Year's Eve concert of big-band, jazz, and orchestral pops standards, featuring jazz singer Tianna Hall. Ticket includes pre-concert reception. Queensbury Theatre, 12777 Queensbury Ln. www.ECHOchestra.org
- Dec. 31 9:00pm **Ars Lyrica Houston** presents their annual New Year's Eve event, "Bachanalia: Cantatas for the New Year." An elegant pre-concert dinner and the midnight post-concert gala let you ring in 2017 in style! Hobby Center, Zilkha Hall. www.arslyricahouston.org or 713-315-2525
- Dec. 31 8:00pm **FACE** presents the Houston Symphony Orchestra in their annual New Year's Eve Celebration Concert. The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive in Spring. www.cypresscreekface.org
- Jan. 1 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents a New Year's Day organ concert featuring Paul Tegels performing Bach, Buxtehude, and Sweelinck. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org
- Jan. 5 6:00pm **ROCO** Brass Quintet presents Beer and Brass, a "spirited" event of craft beers and traditional beer-hall music. Saint Arnold Brewing Co., 2000 Lyons. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 7 7:30pm **MUSIQA** presents "The White Album" in collaboration with InPrint, featuring poet Erica Funkhouser and exhilarating new works including Pierre Jalbert's "Piano Trio No. 2." Hobby Center, Zilkha Hall. Tickets: thehobbyscenter.org or 713-524-5678
- Jan. 7 8:00pm **Apollo Chamber Players** presents "Ex Nihilo: Out of Nothing" – creation stories and myths, featuring a world premiere and guests from Cantare, Houston Chamber Choir, and Rice University. Q&A at 7:30pm. MATCH, 3400 Main St. matchhouston.org or 713-521-4533
- Jan. 8 7:00pm **Houston Baroque** presents Songs and Sonatas of Rheinberger – Patrick Parker, organ; Katie Clark, mezzo-soprano; Nadia Lesinska, violin. Covenant Baptist Church, 4949 Caroline St. www.houstonbaroque.org or 832-525-8778
- Jan. 10 3:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents Joshua Messick, dulcimer, and Max Dyer, cello, performing an inspiring collection of originals and standards of Celtic, World, Renaissance, and Classical music. The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr. in Spring. www.cypresscreekface.org
- Jan. 14 8:00pm **Mercury** presents American Skies – special multimedia event with music of Gershwin, Barber, and Glass. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Jan. 15 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. 16 7:00pm **Houston Masterworks Chorus** presents its First Annual High School Invitational Choral Festival featuring the chorus and talented All-State contenders. Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee Lane at Beltway 8. www.houstonmasterworks.org or 713-529-8900
- Jan. 17 10, 11am **ROCO** and Interactive Theater Co. present two morning performances of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" at Texas Children's Hospital. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 19 7:30pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Austrian harpsichordist Mario Aschauer playing favorite Bach concertos. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Jan. 20 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents ten-time Grammy Award-winning Latin jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Jan. 20 thru 22 **Lone Star Lyric** presents "Ga-Ga for Gershwin" (1/20, 1/22) and "Jana Ellsworth: I'll Belt if I Want To" (1/21) – cabaret concert with jazz trio playing American Songbook cocktail favorites! See website for times. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.lonestarlyric.org or 917-414-9577
- Jan. 21 6:30pm **KINETIC** presents "Sketches" – early and experimental string ensemble works by Mendelssohn, Barber, Martin, and a commissioned work by Alexandra T. Bryant. Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall. www.kineticensemble.org
- Jan. 21 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents French classical guitarist Thibaut Garcia (who plays in the French style of Presti and Lagoya) on his GFA competition victory tour. www.GuitarHouston.org
- Jan. 22 4:00pm **Context** presents The Age of Elegance – renowned European flutist Ildikó Kertész performs turn-of-the-19th-century rarities by Pleyel, Haydn, and Beethoven. On original instruments, with cello and Viennese fortepiano. Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall. musicincontext.org
- Jan. 22 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Bach and the Psalms, featuring early Bach cantatas. Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Jan. 24 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents the Montrose Trio performing Shostakovich, Mozart, and Brahms. Rice University, Stude Hall. www.chambermusic-houston.org or 713-348-5400
- Jan. 27 6:00pm **ROCO** Brass Quintet presents "Crossing Over the English Channel" – music from the U.K. and France. MATCH, 3400 Main. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700. **Repeats Jan. 29 in The Woodlands**
- Jan. 29 4:00pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents its free high-school choral festival "Hear the Future." South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main St. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Jan. 31 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents the Elias String Quartet – "In Beethoven's Footsteps," works of Beethoven, Bartok, and Brahms. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Jan. 31 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents Dvorak for Dumkies – Dvorak's "Dumky" Piano Trio and Shostakovich's Piano Quintet in G Minor. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. www.stceciliachambermusic-houston.org or 713-331-0359