

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

December 2018 – January 2019

- Dec. 1 7:30pm **Axiom Quartet** presents violinist Simon Gollo and pianist John Novaček in Ernest Chausson's Concerto for Violin, Piano and String Quartet; and Prokofiev's String Quartet No. 2. University of St. Thomas, Cullen Hall (free admission). www.axiomquartet.com 713-525-3159
- Dec. 1 7:30pm **The Houston Choral Society** presents "A Glorious Christmas" featuring Randol Bass' Gloria and Christmas Flourish with brass, percussion, and organ, plus carols and audience participation. Foundry U. Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Rd. (near 290). www.houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 1 7:30pm **Houston Early Music** presents An Elizabethan Christmas with PARTHENIA, A Consort of Viols, with soprano Sherezade Panthaki. Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue. www.houstonearlymusic.org or 281-846-4222
- Dec. 1 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents Latin jazz percussionist Pedrito Martinez and his group. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 2 4:00pm **Houston Camerata** presents a free concert of simple Christmas pieces to feed the soul. All Saints Catholic Church, 215 E. 10th St. www.houstoncamerata.com or 713-725-5773
- Dec. 2 7:00pm **Musica Tra Amici** presents Clarinet Quintets by Mozart and Brahms, featuring musicians of the Houston Symphony. MATCH, 3400 Main St. in Midtown. www.musicatraamici.org
- Dec. 6 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents The Montrose Trio performing three legendary pieces written for piano and strings by Haydn, Brahms, and Mendelssohn. Rice University, Stude Concert Hall. www.chambermusichouston.org or 713-348-5400
- Dec. 7-9 3:30 & 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents The Wondrous Gift Is Given: Christmas at the Villa, a Houston holiday tradition! Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale St. at Wayside. HoustonChamberChoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Dec. 8 3:00pm **WindSync** presents "Origins"—programmatic music of childhood and folklore by Dvořák, Ginastera, and Françaix. MATCH (Matchbox 1), 3400 Main St. 713-521-4533 or windsync.org
- Dec. 8 5:00pm **ROCO** presents flutist Brook Ferguson in a nature-themed concert featuring Crumb's Vox Balaenae and a commissioned work. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Dec. 8 8:00pm **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents Bach's Christmas Magnificat and holiday favorites. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater, 501 Texas Ave. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 11 3:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents traditional holiday and operatic favorites with sopranos Stephanie Northcutt and Kimberly James, and pianist Sharon Goldsberry. John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes. www.cypresscreekface.org or 281-440-4850
- Dec. 14 7:30pm **Apollo Chamber Players** presents 'Holiday Celebration,' premiering arrangements of folk-inspired holiday music from around the world by composers representing Houston's multiculturalism. First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn Rd. apollochamberplayers.org
- Dec. 14 7:30pm **Piping Rock Singers** presents Tempus Mysterium, a program of old and new Advent works. Our Lady of Walsingham, 7809 Shadyvilla Ln. www.pipingrockingers.com or 832-786-9226
- Dec. 16 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents a Bach Vespers for Advent. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Dec. 16, 17, & 18 7:30pm **Cantare Houston** presents "Twelfth Night," its annual Christmas concerts at MFAH featuring motets, carols, choral classics and popular songs celebrating the season. Museum of Fine Arts, Beck Building, 5601 Main Street at Binz. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648
- Dec. 21 7:30pm **The Houston Choral Society** presents Handel's Messiah (Christmas portion) with chamber orchestra. Tallowood Baptist Church, 555 Tallowood Rd. www.houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 31 7:00pm **ECHO Orchestra** presents a New Year's Eve concert "New York, New York" – Big Band, jazz, and classical pops favorites inspired by the Big Apple, with guest artist Tianna Hall. Queensbury Theatre, 12777 Queensbury Lane. www.ECHOOrchestra.org
- Dec. 31 8:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents "One Night in Memphis," a rocking New Year's Eve concert tribute to musical legends Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley. Cypress Ridge High School, 7900 N. Eldridge Pkwy. www.cypresscreekface.org or 281-440-4850
- Dec. 31 9:00pm **Ars Lyrica Houston** presents "Baroque Razzle-Dazzle," a New Year's Eve concert featuring violinist Adam LaMotte, with separately ticketed dinner and gala events in Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center. www.arslyricahouston.org or 713-315-2525
- Jan. 1 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents organist Amanda Mole in a New Year's concert. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Jan. 8 3:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents violinist Chavdar Parashkevov and pianist Natasha Kislenco performing Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 7, Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, and showpieces by Kreisler and Sarasate. John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes Dr. www.cypresscreekface.org or 281-440-4850
- Jan. 10 6:00pm **ROCO's** Brass Quintet rings in the new year with good music, good food, and good company! St. Arnold Brewing Company, 2000 Lyons Ave. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 12 7:30pm **MUSIQA** presents Traces of Blue, an evening of dynamic works that explore color, texture, and motion in music, featuring the world premiere of Karim Al-Zand's piano trio. MATCH, 3400 Main Street in Midtown. musiqahouston.org or 713-524-5678
- Jan. 12 8:00pm **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents Debussy & Ravel – a captivating new opera inspired by the poetry of Charles Baudelaire and created from Debussy and Ravel's quartets. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Jan. 19 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents jazz vocalist Jazzmeia Horn (2015 Thelonious Monk Competition winner) performing with her septet. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Jan. 24 7:30pm **Bach Society Houston** presents harpsichordist Guy Whatley performing Elizabethan and Tudor music by Tallis, Byrd, Tomkins, and more. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Jan. 24 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents the Rolston String Quartet, Banff winner and former Shepherd School quartet-in-residence, performing Brahms, Schubert's "Rosamunde," and Schafer's "Waves." Rice University, Stude Hall. www.chambermusichouston.org or 713-348-5400
- Jan. 25 7:30pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents the 12th annual Robert Avalon International Composers Competition winners, featuring chamber music and music for film. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.modernmusic.org
- Jan. 26 6:00pm **APERIO** presents "RE:Volver – Cello, Electronica & the Mayan Apocalypse" featuring cellist Jeffrey Zeigler (formerly of the Kronos Quartet) in an adventurous program of music by Mexican composers that combines live performance and electronic media. Limited seating available. Sicardi | Ayers | Bacino Gallery, 1506 W. Alabama. www.aperioamericas.org
- Jan. 26 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents Tengyue Zhang, the 2017 Guitar Foundation of America first-prize winner, performing works by Brouwer, Rodrigo, Scarlatti, Piazzolla, Assad, Dyens, and others. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Drive. www.guitarhouston.org or 281-367-9060
- Jan. 27 2, 3, & 4:00pm **ROCO** and the Houston Zoo present Peter and the Bear – a new adaptation of Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, the beloved children's introduction to the orchestra. Houston Zoo, 6200 Hermann Park Drive. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 29 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents Beethoven, Beethoven, Beethoven! Three works for piano, violin, and cello. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. www.stceciliachambermusichouston.org or 713-331-0359