

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

December 2008 – January 2009

- Dec 2 8:00pm **Jupiter String Quartet** presented by Houston Friends of Music. Haydn: Quartet in F Major Op.77, No.2; Shostakovich: Quartet No.7 in F-sharp Minor Op.108; S. Gubaidulina: Quartet No.2 (1987); Britten: Quartet No.2 in C Major, Op.36. Stude Hall, Rice University Shepherd School of Music. www.houstonfriendsofmusic.org or 713-348-5400
- Dec 7 3:00pm **Ars Lyrica** – Handel's Messiah in collaboration with Moores School of Music Concert Chorale. Moores Opera House, University of Houston. www.music.uh.edu or 713-743-3313
- Dec 7 4:00pm **Context** – Bartok: Sonata No.1 for violin and piano; Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion. Duncan Recital Hall, Rice University Shepherd School of Music. www.musicincontext.org or 713-361-6086
- Dec 8 9:00am **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** -- Yuletide Concert & Coffee at Bayou Bend featuring a ROCO viola soloist. MFAH Bayou Bend. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Dec 8 7:30pm **Houston Early Music** – Nowell – Christmas Songs Old and New, performed by Liber unusualis. Trinity Episcopal Church, 1015 Holman at Main St. www.houstonearlymusic.org or 713-432-1744
- Dec 9 7:30pm **Da Camera** – Messiaen Centennial Concert: Visions de l'Amen with pianists Sarah Rothenberg and Marilyn Nonken. The Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec 11 8:00pm **Tokyo String Quartet** presented by Houston Friends of Music. Haydn: Quartet in G Major Op.76 No.1; Bartok: Quartet No.5; Debussy Quartet in G Minor, Op.10. Stude Hall, Rice University Shepherd School of Music. www.houstonfriendsofmusic.org or 713-348-5400
- Dec 12 8:00pm **Da Camera** – A Cyrus Chestnut Jazz Christmas featuring Vanessa Rubin, vocals. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec 13 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** – Christmas at the Villa de Matel. Repeats December 14 at 3:30pm. Special guest Paula Page, principal harpist of Houston Symphony. Featuring Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" along with other seasonal favorites. Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale Ave. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-974-1253
- Dec 13 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** – J.S. Bach's Magnificat and Orchestral Suite No. 3. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center. www.mercurybaroque.org or 832-251-0706
- Dec 13 7:30pm **Cantare Houston** – Midwinter Rose – a collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Choral music and carols ancient and modern by Josquin, Palestrina, Britten, Howells and others. Repeats at the same time and place on Dec. 14, 15 and 16. The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Main Street at Binz. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648
- Dec 14 3:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** – Christmas at the Villa de Matel – see December 13. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-974-1253
- Dec 14 6:00pm **Bach Society** – Abendmusik – Music for Advent and Christmas by Stölzel, Distler and J.S. Bach. Bach Choir and Orchestra with soloists Melissa Givens, Nancy Markeloff, Randolph Lacy and Paul Busselberg. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-523-2864

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- Dec 15 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Symphony** – Masterpieces of Johann Sebastian Bach – the dazzling Fifth Brandenburg Concerto, the Concerto for Piano in F Minor, and the passionate Concerto for Two Violins. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.houstonchambersymphony.org or 713-315-2525
- Dec 15 8:00pm **VOX** – The Rob Seible Singers – "A Christmas VOX" Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold Street. www.vox-rss.com or 713-491-0720
- Dec 31 9:00pm **Ars Lyrica: Bachanalia 2008-2009** – Two Wedding Cantatas and Oboe Concerto by J.S. Bach, with soloists Melissa Givens, soprano, and Timothy Jones, baritone, plus virtuoso oboist Kathryn Montoya. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.arslyricahouston.org or 713-315-2525
- Jan 9 7:00 and 9:30pm **Vox** – The Rob Seible Singers – "Showbiz Is My Life" featuring the Rob Landes Trio. Ova-tions, 2536 Times Blvd #B. Tickets \$25, advance purchase required. www.vox-rss.com or 713-491-0720
- Jan 10 7:30pm **Musiq** – "Music About Music" – modern music inspired by older music, Rebecca Miller conducts works by Al-Zand, Crumb, Maroney and Stuckey, in partnership with Imprint featuring a reading by Antonya Nelson. Zilkha Hall, 800 Bagby. www.musiqahouston.org or 713-315-2525
- Jan 11 6:00pm **Bach Society** – Chamber music by Aeri (New York). 17th & 18th century Italian chamber music including newly discovered works by Neapolitan, Venetian and Florentine composers. Christ the King Lutheran Church, Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-528-2864
- Jan 13 8:00pm **Shanghai Quartet** with Wang Guowei – presented by Houston Friends of Music. Barber: Quartet Op. 11; Wang Guowei: erhu solo; Chen Yi: Fiddle Suite for Erhu & String Quartet; Ravel: Quartet in F Major. Stude Hall, Rice University. www.HoustonFriendsofMusic.org or 713-348-5400
- Jan 17 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** – Marcin Dylia – Polish guitar phenomenon and 2007 GFA winner performs works by Giuliani, Tansman, Ponce & Rodrigo. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Drive. www.guitarhouston.org or 713-665-2712
- Jan 17 8:00pm **Houston Early Music** presents Fretwork with Clare Wilkinson, mezzo-soprano. British viol consort performs Henry Purcell's songs & instrumental works in celebration of his 350th birthday. Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Ave. www.HoustonEarlyMusic.org or 713-432-1744
- Jan 20 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** – Operatic Favorites – excerpts from 19th century French Opera (think "Carmen"); Nancy Curtis, soprano; Hector Vasquez, baritone; Roger Keele, accompanist. St. Stephen's Church, W. Alabama at Woodhead. www.stceciliahouston.org or 713-331-0359
- Jan 25 4:00pm **Context** – Mozart String Quintets in G Major & E flat Major on period instruments. Duncan Recital Hall, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University. www.musicincontext.org or 713-361-6086
- Jan 25 4:00pm **Hear the Future** – 10th Annual Invitational School Choral Festival presented by Houston Chamber Choir. South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main Street. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-974-1253
- Jan 25 6:00pm **Bach Society** – Organ Vespers: Thimo Janssen (Hamburg), organist. Christ the King Lutheran Church, Rice Boulevard at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-523-2864
- Jan 26 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Symphony** – The Art of the Piano Recital – renowned German pianist Andreas Klein. Schubert: Sonata in B flat Major; Beethoven: Sonata Opus 110; Liszt: Sonata in B Minor. Zilkha Hall, 800 Bagby. www.houstonchambersymphony.org or 713-315-2525
- Jan 31 8:00pm **Da Camera** – Songs of the Earth – Debussy: Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun; Zhou Lang: The Farewell for Pipa, Erhu and Chamber Orchestra; Mahler: Abschied from Das Lied von der Erde. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050