

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

September – October 2018

- Sept. 1 8:00pm **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents Vivaldi vs. Paganini, a free community concert featuring a battle of violin virtuosi in a dazzling showcase of musical styles. Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Dr. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Sept. 11 3:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents the Apollo Chamber Players – selections from Villa Lobos and Leo Brouwer string quartets, and Barber's solemn Adagio for Strings in observation of 9/11. John Wesley United Methodist Church. www.cypresscreekface.org or 281-440-4850
- Sept. 13 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents the Grammy Award-winning Pacifica Quartet performing Haydn, Shostakovich, and Schubert's Quintet in C Major (with Desmond Hoebig, cello). Rice University, Stude Concert Hall. www.chambermusicohouston.org or 713-348-5400
- Sept. 20 7:30pm **Bach Society Houston** presents organist Martin Schmeding, professor of organ at the University of Music and Theatre in Leipzig, Germany. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Sept. 21 7:30pm **Ars Lyrica Houston** presents "Re-Gifting with Royalty" to open its 2018/19 "Out of the Box" season. Featuring soprano soloist Lauren Snouffer. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, Zilkha Hall, 800 Bagby St. www.arslyricahouston.org or 713-315-2525
- Sept. 21 8:00pm **ROCO** presents the world premiere of "Checkmate," a chess game for piano and orchestra based on the 1996 match between IBM's "Deep Blue" computer and Garry Kasparov. Lara Downes, pianist. Miller Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Dr. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Sept. 22 5:00pm **ROCO** opens its season with the world premiere of "Checkmate" (see September 21). The Church of St. John the Divine, 2450 River Oaks Blvd. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Sept. 23 4:00pm **Context** presents Beethoven's Cello by Moonlight – two of Beethoven's path-breaking Sonatas for cello and piano, along with the beloved 'Moonlight' Sonata for piano, on exquisite original instruments. Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall. www.musicincontext.org
- Sept. 29 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents This Is Why I Sing – music that reminds us why we love to sing. South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main St. houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Sept. 29 8:00pm **Apollo Chamber Players** presents Brazilian Beats – guests from the Houston Ballet and METDance join Apollo to perform music by storied Cuban-Spanish composer Leo Brouwer, Marcelo Zarvos, and Villa-Lobos. MATCH (Box 4), 3400 Main St. www.apollochamberplayers.org
- Sept. 29 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents Richard Goode, piano, with Sarah Rothenberg – works of Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Janáček, and Chopin. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Sept. 29 8:00pm **WindSync** presents "Rhythm + Wind" at Miller Outdoor Theatre, in collaboration with Austin-based percussionist Ivan Trevino. Join Houston's innovative wind quintet for an evening of acoustic instrumental music inspired by indie rock. www.windsync.org
- Sept. 30 7:00pm **Musica Tra Amici** presents "Music from the Movies!" featuring musicians of the Houston Symphony. MATCH, 3400 Main St. in Midtown. www.musicatraamici.org
- Oct. 6 5:00pm **ROCO** presents a concert featuring its principal musicians in a new commission where the audience gets to vote by cell phone to influence the direction of the piece! Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH), 3400 Main St. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Oct. 6 8:00pm **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents Brahms' bold Third Symphony along with Mendelssohn's masterful "Scottish" Symphony. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater, 501 Texas Ave. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Oct. 7 7:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents Sir James and Lady Galway. Galway is known globally as the supreme interpreter of the classical flute repertoire. Klein High School Performing Arts Center, 16715 Stuebner Airline Rd. in Spring. www.cypresscreekface.org or 281-440-4850
- Oct. 9 3:00pm **Cypress Creek FACE** presents the University of Houston Concert Chorale, the school's premier large choral ensemble. John Wesley United Methodist Church, 5830 Bermuda Dunes. www.cypresscreekface.org or 281-440-4850
- Oct. 9 7:30pm **Chamber Music Houston** presents the Jerusalem Quartet with Pinchas Zukerman and Amanda Forsyth. Strauss' Capriccio, Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht, and Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. Rice University, Stude Hall. www.chambermusicohouston.org or 713-348-5400
- Oct. 9 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents Trio Treats for flute, viola, and harp. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama. www.stceciliachambermusicohouston.org or 713-331-0359
- Oct. 12 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents Blues and the Spanish Tinge – pianist Aaron Diehl explores the essential ingredients in the creation of jazz. Hobby Center, Zilkha Hall. dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Oct. 13 7:30pm **Cantare Houston** presents American Roads – Leonard Bernstein's Mass, along with works by American pioneers Aaron Copland, Randall Thompson, and Stephen Paulus. First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman St. in Midtown. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648
- Oct. 14 3:00pm **ECHO Orchestra** presents "Take 5" – an orchestral celebration of ECHO's fifth season. Queensbury Theatre, 12777 Queensbury Lane. www.ECHOOrchestra.org or 281-620-9520
- Oct. 14 6:00pm **KINETIC** presents Grace Williams' Sea Sketches, Michael Daugherty's Fallingwater, and a world premiere by Daniel Temkin. MATCH, 3400 Main Street. www.kineticensemble.org.
- Oct. 19 7:30pm **Piping Rock Singers** presents a concert of Renaissance choral favorites. The Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham, 7809 Shadyvilla Ln. www.pipingrockingers.com or 832-786-9226
- Oct. 19 8:00pm **APERIO** presents "Savage Winter," based on Schubert's monumental song cycle Winterreise. Schubert's lovelorn winter wanderer becomes a demon-haunted Everyman in this acid jazz and punk-inspired fever dream. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.aperioamericas.org
- Oct. 20 thru 25 **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents Bach's Brandenburg 5 featuring Jonathan Godfrey, violin; David Ross, flute; and Mario Aschauer, harpsichord. Various neighborhood locations throughout Houston, see website for details: www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Oct. 20 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents Scott Tennant of the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet in a solo guitar concert. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Dr. www.guitarhouston.org or 281-367-9060
- Oct. 21 4:00pm **Context** presents Romances and Fairy Tales – music for strings and piano by the Schumanns, including Clara's Romances for Violin and Piano, and Robert's immortal Piano Quintet, on original instruments. Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall. www.musicincontext.org
- Oct. 21 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents the American premiere of Vincenzo Righini's Mass in D Minor, in a re-creation of the 1817 Reformation celebration in Leipzig. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- Oct. 23 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents Russian Renaissance – winners of the prestigious M-Prize who redefine possibilities for Russian folk instruments. Stude Hall, Rice Univ. dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Oct. 26 thru 28 **Lone Star Lyric** presents WITCHES, a bawdy musical comedy about two women who happen to be witches. Texas premiere. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.lonestarlyric.org or 917-414-9577. Repeats Oct. 27 and 28, see website for show times.
- Oct. 27 7:30pm **Axiom Quartet** presents "Black, Death, and Metal" featuring George Crumb's "Black Angels," Schubert's "Death and the Maiden," "Erlkönig," and music of Slayer, Megadeth, and Metallica. Palmer Episcopal Church, 6221 S. Main St. www.axiomquartet.com or 832-356-6436
- Oct. 27 8:00pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents The Joint Is Jumpin' – a free concert of Big Band favorites. Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Dr. houstonchamberchoir.org
- Oct. 28 4:00pm **ROCO** presents its annual Día de los Muertos event – new music by Alejandro Basulto, with Houston baritone Timothy Jones. MECA, 1900 Kane St. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- Oct. 29 7:30pm **Houston Camerata** and Houston Brass Quintet present a 501st-anniversary Reformation Fest. Works by Mendelssohn, Handel, Bach, Rutter, and Karg-Elert. First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman St. in Midtown. www.houstoncamerata.com or 832-303-3371