

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

September – October 2011

- Sept. 8 8:00pm **Tokyo String Quartet** presented by Houston Friends of Chamber Music. Haydn Quartet in G Major; Szymanowski Quartet No. 1 in C Major; Schumann Quartet in A Minor. Stude Hall, Shepherd School, Rice University. www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org or 713-348-5400
- Sept. 11 2:30pm **VOX: The Rob Seible Singers** present the Nelson Concert—A September 11 Tribute. Moores Opera Center, School of Music Bldg., Univ. of Houston (free event). www.vox-rss.com
- Sept. 16 8:00pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents "Music that Should Be Danced: World Edition!" Hosted by Debra Duncan. Miller Theater, Hermann Park. www.modernmusic.org. 713-529-3928
- Sept. 18 4:00pm **Context** presents Sin in the '70s – chamber music by American composers rebelling against mid-century 'serialism,' including Leslie Bassett, William Bolcom, Sydney Hodkinson, and William Albright. Duncan Recital Hall, Rice University. www.musicincontext.org or 713-665-2620
- Sept. 18 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Bach Vespers: J.S. Bach Cantata 178 and works by Schütz and J.C. Bach, with the Bach Choir and Mercury Baroque. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 831-582-1750
- Sept. 20 6:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents Beer & Brass – featuring a french horn trio. Admission includes light bites and a selection of beers from Texas' oldest craft brewery, St. Arnold Brewing Company, 2000 Lyons Avenue. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Sept. 20 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents its season opener "Ave Maria—Music of Devotion to Our Lady," a program featuring works spanning 500 years commemorating Mary's amazing journey. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566
- Sept. 23 7:30pm **Ars Lyrica** presents Paradise Found – music of Scarlatti, Couperin, and Handel's recently discovered "Gloria." The program features internationally-acclaimed soprano Céline Ricci in her Houston debut. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.arslyricahouston.org or 713-315-2525
- Sept. 23 8:00pm **Da Camera of Houston** presents the Brentano String Quartet and Friends. Works of Respighi and Mozart, and the world premiere of a piano quintet by Tobias Picker. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050.
- Sept. 27 7:30pm **Cantare Houston** presents All-American a Cappella (Almost) – Copland's In the Beginning, Thompson's A Peaceable Kingdom, and works by Bernstein, Whitacre and Paulus. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.cantarehouston.org or 713-724-9648.
- Sept. 24 7:30pm **Musiq** presents Play a Song for Me – the Houston premiere of John Corigliano's "Mr. Tambourine Man" for amplified soprano and chamber ensemble, with texts by Bob Dylan. HSO's Robert Franz conducts. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.musiqahouston.org or 713-524-5678
- Sept. 27 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents "Mid-Century Masters: Duets and Quintets for Woodwinds & Piano." St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama at Woodhead. www.stceciliahouston.org or 713-331-0359
- Sept. 29 7:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents the first of three ROCO Chamber Series events featuring performances by the ROCO String Quartet. Cullen Hall at the University of St. Thomas, 4001 Mt. Vernon. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Oct. 2 5:00pm **Houston Early Music** presents Passionate Enemies – the Boston ensemble La Donna Musicale performs music by women composers from the rival German courts of Frederick the Great and the House of Hapsburg. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.houstonearlymusic.org or 713-432-1744

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- Oct. 6 7:45pm **Village Concerts** presents the Village Chamber Players (Kurt Johnson, violin; Sean Wang, violin; Rene Salazar, viola; Barrett Sills, cello; Clive Swansbourne, piano) playing works for piano and strings by Mozart and Schumann. Ticketed event (online or at the door). Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.villageconcerts.org
- Oct. 8 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents Encyclopedia Bach-tannica – Bach's Goldberg Variations, the master's monumental set of 30 variations on a single theme, in an illustrious orchestration by Bernard Labadie. www.mercurybaroque.org or 713-533-0080
- Oct. 9 3:00pm **APERIO, Music of the Americas** presents Pampeana – chamber music by Alberto Ginastera. Sicardi Gallery, 2246 Richmond Ave. www.aperioamericas.org or 713-965-4597
- Oct. 9 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Jory Vinikour, harpsichord, playing suites by Bach and Handel, and other works. Ticketed event (online or at the door). Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 831-582-1750
- Oct. 11 8:00pm **Jerusalem String Quartet** presented by Houston Friends of Chamber Music. Mozart No. 15 in D, K.421; Shostakovich No. 11 in F, Op. 122; Brahms Op. 51/2. Stude Hall, Shepherd School of Music, Rice University. www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org or 713-348-5400
- Oct. 14 8:00pm **Divergence Vocal Theater** presents an Autumn Soirée – a staged evening of haunting 19th–21st century vocal and instrumental music, dance, puppetry, and folktales. Divergence Music & Arts at Spring St. Studios. www.divergencevocaltheater.org. **Concert repeats Oct. 15**
- Oct. 15 8:00pm **Da Camera Jazz** presents Terence Blanchard and Poncho Sanchez: Cubano Be! Cubano Bop! – A celebration of the birth of Afro-Cuban jazz. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Oct. 15 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents Peruvian classical guitar virtuoso Jorge Caballero performing a program of musical gems. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Drive. www.guitarhouston.org or 713-665-2712
- Oct. 16 4:00pm **Context** presents The Prince and the Prodigy – Louis Ferdinand's Quartet in E-flat for Strings and Piano; Mendelssohn's Sextet for Violin, Two Violas, Cello, Double Bass, and Piano. Duncan Recital Hall, Rice University. www.musicincontext.org or 713-665-2620
- Oct. 16 4:00pm **Foundation for Modern Music** 25th Anniversary Concert – a tribute to Robert Avalon; premiere by Art Gottschalk. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. www.modernmusic.org or 713-529-3928
- Oct. 16 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents its 30th-anniversary concert featuring Bach's The Contest between Phoebus and Pan, with guest soloists, the Bach Choir, and Mercury Baroque. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 831-582-1750
- Oct. 20 7:45pm **Village Concerts** presents Duo Merlot – Luana Gundersen, flute; Thibaut Surugue, piano. Works by Fauré, Poulenc, Debussy, Dutilleux, and Prokofiev. Ticketed event (online or at the door). Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. www.villageconcerts.org
- Oct. 22 5:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** season opener with guest conductor Mei-Ann Chen and baritone soloist Timothy Jones. Church of St. John the Divine, River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700. **Concert repeats Oct. 23 in Kingwood.**
- Oct. 25 6:15pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra**, Musiq, and Inprint present a Musical and Literary Ofrenda – short original contemporary/classical music and prose. Gallery opens at 5:30. Lawndale Art Center, 4912 Main Street. www.rocohouston.org or 713-665-2700
- Oct. 25 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents "Scenes from American Opera" by Barber, Gershwin, Blitzstein, Menotti, Floyd, and Previn. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama at Woodhead. www.stceciliahouston.org or 713-331-0359
- Oct. 29 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents the first modern performance of "Psalmi ad Vesperas (1694)," featuring the work of Giovanni Paolo Colonna. St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566