

# The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

December 2011 – January 2012

- Dec. 3 11:00am **Houston Chamber Choir** and **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** present "Messiah for Kids!" with music and narration arranged by Karim Al-Zand. The Church of St. John the Divine, River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700
- Dec. 3 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** and **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** perform Handel's Messiah and Schubert's Magnificat. The Church of St. John the Divine, River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer. [www.houstonchamberchoir.org](http://www.houstonchamberchoir.org) or 713-224-5566
- Dec. 3 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents The Maurice Brown Effect, featuring the young jazz trumpet player. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 4 4:00pm **VOX: The Rob Seible Singers** presents Motets and Mistletoe – a concert featuring the works of Poulenc, Argento, Courtney, Carter, Weir, Rutter, and The Six-minute Messiah. Bering United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold Street. [www.vox-rss.com](http://www.vox-rss.com) or 832-331-1704
- Dec. 4 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents A Cosmopolitan Advent – music by Bach, Vivaldi, and Delalande, with English conductor Ian Watson. Free admission; pre-concert lecture at 5:15. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org) or 832-582-1750
- Dec. 6 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents the Brentano String Quartet's program "Fragments: Connecting Past and Present." Fragments by Dufay, Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Schubert and Shostakovich are paired with new works by Wuorinen, Gubaidulina, Harbison, Adolphe, and Hartke. The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 8 8:00pm **American String Quartet** with viola soloist James Dunham, presented by Houston Friends of Chamber Music. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. [www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org](http://www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org) or 713-348-5400
- Dec. 9 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents its holiday Sing-Along Messiah. Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. [www.MercuryBaroque.org](http://www.MercuryBaroque.org) or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 10 & 12 7:30pm **CANTARE Houston** presents Christmas at the MFAH featuring Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Susa's Carols and Lullabies of the Southwest, and CANTARE's signature mix of seasonal songs. Museum of Fine Arts, 5601 Main St. [www.cantarehouston.org](http://www.cantarehouston.org) **Repeats Dec. 17, 18, 19**
- Dec. 10 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents the rarely performed complete version of Handel's Messiah. [www.MercuryBaroque.org](http://www.MercuryBaroque.org) or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 10, 11 3:30 & 7:30pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents its traditional "Christmas at the Villa" featuring Conrad Susa's Carols of the Southwest as well as seasonal favorites. Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale Avenue. [www.houstonchamberchoir.org](http://www.houstonchamberchoir.org) or 713-224-5566
- Dec. 11 5:00pm **Houston Early Music** presents Christmas Revelry in Renaissance England – the acclaimed British ensemble Dufay Collective performs a Christmas program of carols, ballads, and dances. Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas Avenue. [www.houstonearlymusic.org](http://www.houstonearlymusic.org) or 713-432-1744
- Dec. 12 10:00am **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents Yuletide Concert & Coffee at Bayou Bend – a magical chamber music concert featuring the ROCO Brass Quintet. Enjoy delicious bites and beverages in the outdoor party tent. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700
- Dec. 17, 18, 19 **CANTARE Houston** presents Christmas at the MFAH (see December 10 listing) Museum of Fine Arts, 5601 Main St. [www.cantarehouston.org](http://www.cantarehouston.org) or 713-724-9648
- Dec. 18 2:00pm **Foundation for Modern Music** and Flamárt present Navidad Latina – high-energy music and dance for Christmas from Spain and Latin America. Museum of Fine Arts Houston, 1001 Bissonnet, 2nd floor in the Beck Building. [www.modernmusic.org](http://www.modernmusic.org) or 713-529-3928

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- Dec. 31 9:00pm **Ars Lyrica** presents "Bach and Time," a seasonal all-Bach program including the Christmas Oratorio with soprano Melissa Givens and counter-tenor Ryland Angel. A festive gala follows at the Founders Club. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. [www.arslyricahouston.org](http://www.arslyricahouston.org) or 713-315-2525
- Jan. 1 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents an organ recital with University of Houston organ professor Robert Bates playing works by Bach. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. Free admission. [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org) or 832-582-1750
- Jan. 6 6:00 & 8:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in collaboration with The Church of St. John the Divine. Steve Newberry, conductor; Kate Pogue, director. River Oaks Blvd. at Westheimer. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 7 7:30pm **Musiq** presents Free from the Ground – in collaboration with Houston Ballet II. Uplifting new music and dance with everything from songs by Al-Zand and Brant to a Piazzolla tango. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. [www.musiqhouston.org](http://www.musiqhouston.org) or 713-524-5678
- Jan. 12 7:45pm **Village Concerts** presents the Oberon Ensemble (Colleen Matheu Johnson, flute; Kurt Johnson, violin; Rene Salazar, viola; Barrett Sills, cello; Emily Mitchell, harp). Tickets: [www.villageconcerts.org](http://www.villageconcerts.org) or at the door. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar
- Jan. 15 2:00 & 3:30pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents "Peter and the Wolf at the Houston Zoo" in collaboration with InterActive Theater Company. Free with zoo admission. Brown Education Center Auditorium at the Houston Zoo. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 17 8:00pm **New York Woodwind Quintet** from the Juilliard School of Music. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. [www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org](http://www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org) or 713-348-5400
- Jan. 21 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents "Farewell Haydn, Hello Mozart" featuring Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony and Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. [www.MercuryBaroque.org](http://www.MercuryBaroque.org) or 713-533-0080
- Jan. 22 3:00pm **APERIO, Music of the Americas** presents Exquisite Decadence: The Twilight of American Romanticism – featuring music by Beach, Foote, Loeffler, and others. Texas Gallery, 2012 Peden St. [www.aperioamericas.org](http://www.aperioamericas.org) or 713-965-4597
- Jan. 22 4:00pm **Context** presents Viennese Virtuosi from the Early Romantic Age – music of Johann Hummel, Carl Maria von Weber, and Anton Eberl, with Brian Connelly, piano; Lorenzo Coppola, clarinet; Allen Whear, cello. On period instruments. [www.musicincontext.org](http://www.musicincontext.org) or 713-665-2620
- Jan. 22 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Bach Vespers – Bach Choir and Mercury Baroque perform J.S. Bach's Cantata 124 and other works. Free admission; pre-concert lecture at 5:15pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org) or 832-582-1750
- Jan. 27 8:00pm **Da Camera Jazz** presents saxophonist Ravi Coltrane and his quartet. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050
- Jan. 28 7:30pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents Flamárt's Latin/flamenco high-energy music and dance ensemble, hosted by Univision TV's Osvaldo Corral. Talento Bilingüe de Houston, 333 S. Jensen Dr. [www.modernmusic.org](http://www.modernmusic.org) or 713-529-3928. **Repeats Jan. 29 at 4:00pm**
- Jan. 29 4:00pm **Houston Chamber Choir** presents "Hear the Future" – the 13th annual school choral festival, with the HISD Elementary Honors Choir; the Kahla Middle School Choir; and the Spring High School Choir. South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main Street. Free admission. [www.houstonchamberchoir.org](http://www.houstonchamberchoir.org) or 713-224-5566
- Jan. 29 4:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents the Lefthand Canyon Trio featuring ROCO flutist Christina Jennings and violist Matthew Dane. A free event at Gremillion & Co. Fine Art Annex, 2504 Nottingham. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700
- Jan. 29 6:00pm **Ars Lyrica** presents artistic director Matthew Dirst performing Bach's "The Art of the Fugue." St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe. [www.arslyricahouston.org](http://www.arslyricahouston.org) or 713-315-2525
- Jan. 31 7:30pm **Da Camera** presents György Kurtág: A Composed Program, featuring Kurtág's Játékok (Games) and Bach transcriptions. Marilyn Nonken and Sarah Rothenberg, piano. The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050