

# The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

November – December 2011

- Nov. 1 8:00pm **Houston Friends of Chamber Music** presents Cuarteto Casals, the acclaimed string quartet from Madrid, Spain, performing quartets by Arriaga, Turina, and Schubert. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. [www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org](http://www.HoustonFriendsofChamberMusic.org) or 713-348-5400
- Nov. 5 8:00pm **Da Camera** presents jazz guitarist Russell Malone and his trio. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050
- Nov. 6 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Bach Vespers: J.S. Bach's Cantata 150 and works by C.P.E. Bach and Homilius with the Bach Choir and Mercury Baroque. 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
- Nov. 8 7:30pm **Simone Dinnerstein**, piano. Da Camera presents the first Houston solo recital by this Bach specialist. **Sold out.** The Menil Collection, 1515 Sul Ross. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050
- Nov. 12 7:30pm **Ars Lyrica** presents "Musical Alchemy", Baroque instrumental masterpieces, including a Bach "Brandenburg" Concerto and Purcell's "The Fairy Queen" suite. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center. [www.arslyricahouston.org](http://www.arslyricahouston.org) or 713-315-2525
- Nov. 12 8:00pm **APERIO, Music of the Americas** presents "On Vibrate – Pop and Post-minimalism in American Music" featuring music by Adams, Puts, Torke, and Pann. Station Museum of Contemporary Art, 1502 Alabama St. [www.aperioamericas.org](http://www.aperioamericas.org) or 713-965-4597
- Nov. 13 4:00pm **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra** presents the first of four free ROCO Chamber Series events hosted by Gremillion & Co. Fine Art, featuring ROCO principal clarinetist Nathan Williams. Fine Art Annex, 2501 Sunset, 77005. [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org) or 713-665-2700
- Nov. 15 7:30pm **St. Cecilia Chamber Music Society** presents Romantic Trio Masterpieces – The Brahms Trio in C Major and the Mendelssohn Trio in C Minor. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1805 W. Alabama at Woodhead. [www.stceciliahouston.org](http://www.stceciliahouston.org) or 713-331-0359
- Nov. 18 8:00pm **Sharon Isbin**, guitar and **Mark O'Connor**, violin. Da Camera presents these two virtuosos in recital. Solo and duo works including O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) or 713-524-5050
- Nov. 19 8:00pm **Guitar Houston** presents Elena Papandreu, classical guitar virtuoso, performing music of Chopin, Giuliani, Ponce and Dyens. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Drive. [www.guitarhouston.org](http://www.guitarhouston.org) or 713-665-2712
- Nov. 19 8:00pm **Mercury Baroque** presents the Houston premiere of Handel's opera, Rodelinda, performed in a concert version. Cullen Theater, Wortham Center. [www.MercuryBaroque.org](http://www.MercuryBaroque.org) or 713-533-0080
- Nov. 20 3:00pm **Foundation for Modern Music** presents Introductions – selected new works by young composers from Houston campuses. First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2119 Avalon Place. [www.modernmusic.org](http://www.modernmusic.org) or 713-529-3928
- Nov. 20 4:00pm **Context** presents "From the Bohemian Forests: Bedrich Smetana and Antonin Dvorak" with Brian Connelly, piano; Michael Kannen, cello; Kimi Kawashima, piano; Max Mandel, viola; and Stephan Wagner, violin. On period instruments. [www.musicincontext.org](http://www.musicincontext.org) or 713-665-2620
- Nov. 20 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents an organ recital with Stefan Engels of Leipzig, Germany, playing works by Bach at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd at Greenbriar. Free admission. [www.bachsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bachsocietyhouston.org) or 832-582-1750

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- 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 an Abendmusik Concert featuring Advent music by Bach, Vivaldi, and de LaLande, with English guest conductor Ian Watson. Free admission; pre-concert lecture at 5:15 pm. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. at Greenbriar. [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 **Houston Friends of Chamber Music** presents the American String Quartet with viola soloist James Dunham. 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) or 713-724-9648
- 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 & 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 Flamart 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
- Dec. 31 9:00pm **Ars Lyrica** presents "Bach and Time," a seasonal all-Bach program including the Christmas Oratorio (part 5 for New Year's Day) and Cantata #106, with soprano Melissa Givens and countertenor 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