The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

April - July 2025

- **Monarch Chamber Players** presents a romantic evening of music for piano quartet, featuring Faure's Piano Quartet No. I and a new work by Emma Wine. Venues in north Houston (April 4) and central Houston (April 5), details at monarchchamberplayers.org Apr. 4 and 5
- Guitar Houston presents the Mela Guitar Quartet from England, the 2024 GFA ensemble Apr. 5
- 7:30pm competition winners. Featuring works by Debussy, Ravel, Glinka, Holst, and Rachmaninoff. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Dr. guitarhouston.org or 713-598-1443
- Apr. 5 Houston Chamber Choir welcomes instrumental ensemble Loop38 in a reflective performance taking us from penitence to hope. South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main St. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566 7:30pm
- **Houston Early Music** presents Bambulaé Barrocá, a program blending baroque music with Puerto Rican folkloric music such as Bomba, fusing the African, indigenous and colonial Apr. 6 3:00pm influences. Houston Saengerhalle, 1703 Heights Blvd. www.houstonearlymusic.org
- Apr. 10 7:30pm WindSync and Kinetic Ensemble present new music for winds, strings, and electronics at the ninth annual Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival. Admission includes a bar and light bites. MATCH Gallery, 3400 Main St. www.windsync.org
- Apr. 10 Mercury Chamber Orchestra presents Bach to Joropo, featuring violinist Alexis Cárdenas in a survey of music from Baroque to Venezuelan folk. Presented in neighborhood venues throughout Houston. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080 for details. thru 13
- Apr. 11 8:00pm **DACAMERA** presents the trio of Brad Mehldau, piano; Christian McBride, bass; and Marcus Gilmore, drums. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Aprl II **ROCO** performs live scores to film, including Buster Keaton's The General and Disney's Silly 8:00pm Symphony Music Land. River Oaks Theatre, 2009 W. Gray. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700
- **ECHOrchestra** presents a free outdoor music festival, artisan market, and activities. Bring Apr. 12 Ham your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and enjoy four local chamber-music groups performing classical favorites. Ray Miller Park, 1800 Eldridge Pkwy. www.ECHOrchestra.org to 4pm
- **La Speranza** presents String Trio Remix works by Bach, Haydn, Sirmen, and Antes. First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn. www.la-speranza.com or 281-698-0833 Apr. 12 7:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Palm Sunday Vespers with Bach's cantata BWV 182, Apr. 13 3:00pm
- "Himmelskönig, sei willkommen." Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514 Apr. 13 5:00pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents Just In Time – a night of boogies, bossa, beguines, and blues as LSL
- Apr. 17 and 18 7:30pm **Musiqa** and Asia Society Texas present Inner Voices – featuring Karim Al-Zand's chamber-orchestra song cycle "The Prisoner," Marcus Karl Maroney's "Serendipity," and more. Asia Society Texas, 1370 Southmore. www.musiqa.org or 713-315-2525

christens the Levit Stage at The Gordy, Houston's newest jazz room. www.lonestarlyric.org

- Apr. 18 3:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Erickson's St. John Passion with the Christ the King Choir. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- **ROCO**'s full chamber orchestra led by Alastair Willis performs Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring, the premiere of Vincent Gardner's Mancini Mashup, and works by Dai Wei and Keane South-Apr. 26 5:00pm ard. Rice University's Brockman Hall for Opera. www.roco.org or 713-665-2700

DACAMERA presents Meta4 quartet – music of Kaija Saariaho, Shostakovich, and Ravel.

Apr. 27 Harmonia Stellarum Houston celebrates the climax of their season with voices, 4:00pm cornettos, sackbuts, and a program of polychoral masterworks. First Lutheran Church,

The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050

Apr. 21

7:30pm

May 3

8:00pm

May 16

7:30pm

May 17

3:00pm

- 1311 Holman. www.harmoniastellarum.com Apr. 29 **Chamber Music Houston** celebrates the season's end with superstars from the Cham-7:30pm ber Music Society of Lincoln Center performing trios and sextets by Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Strauss, and Tchaikovsky. Rice University's Stude Concert Hall. www.chambermusichouston.org
- May 2 **Houston Choral Society** presents a free concert featuring Vaughan Williams and Brahms. Houston Christian University's Dunham Theater, 7502 Fondren Rd. www.houstonchoral.org 7:30pm
- May 3 La Speranza presents their season finale program of string quartets by Schubert and 5:00pm Brunetti. St. Andrew's Episcopal, 1819 Heights Blvd. www.la-speranza.com or 281-698-0833

Mercury and Musiqa present Divine Voices, a pairing of motets by Vicente Lusitano, a Por-

- tuguese artist of the 1500s thought to be the first Black published composer, with new works commissioned for the occasion. Saengerhalle, 1703 Heights Blvd. www.mercuryhouston.org May 7 **ECHOrchestra** presents an eclectic and emotionally charged concert of flamenco, jazz, Indian and Brazilian music, and opera. Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St. www.ECHOrchestra.org
- May 9 **DACAMERA** presents souful jazz vocalist Lizz Wright at Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. 8:00pm www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- May 10 Apollo Chamber Players is excited to partner with Kinder HSVPA and Holocaust and 18 Museum Houston to conclude our season with an intergenerational conversation about freedom, democracy, and the future. Details at www.apollochamberplayers.org or 713-485-4658

ECHOrchestra presents an orchestra concert featuring Rhapsody in Blue and the Hungarian Rhapsody. St. John Vianney Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail. wwwECHOrchestra.org

Houston Masterworks Chorus honors Dr. Paulo Gomes in his final concert as artistic

- **Bach Society Houston** presents soloists Renée Rybolt and Drew Santini in Bach cantatas BWV 51, BWV 82, and BWV 158. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice May 10 3:00pm Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514
- May 11 7:00pm Musica Tra Amici presents Schubert's cello quintet featuring Yoonshin Song, Joan DerHovsepian and Brinton Averil Smith. MATCH, 3400 Main Street. musicatraamici.org
- director, featuring Kim André Arnesen's The Wound in the Water in collaboration with the Casulana Women's Choir. Grace Presbyterian Church. HoustonMasterworks.org, 210-595-9862 4:00pm Mercury Chamber Orchestra presents Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto along with May 17 other works by the composer. Featuring violinist Kerson Leong. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080 8:00pm
- May 23 7:30pm **Ars Lyrica Houston** presents major orchestral works by female composers from late-1700s Vienna, featuring Patricia Garcia Gil, fortepiano, and Juilliard professor Cynthia Roberts, violin. Zilkha Hall, 800 Bagby St. arslyricahouston.org/classicalcollaborations
- May 23 7:30pm Kinetic Ensemble closes out its milestone 10th season with a world premiere by composer Mason Bynes and the Houston premiere of a new work by genre-defying artist Evan Ziporyn. MATCH, 3400 Main St. www.kineticensemble.org May 31 **Houston Chamber Choir** presents Gather 'Round – honoring the final concert of the
- choir's founder, Robert Simpson, and in celebration of 30 years of Chamber Choir. St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer Rd. www.houstonchamberchoir.org or 713-224-5566 7:00pm June 1 **Bach Society Houston** presents a program of music in the Americas during Bach's time.
- June 2 **Performing Arts Houston** presents the Grammy-winning jazz singer Samara Joy at 7:30pm Jones Hall for the Performing Arts. performingartshouston.org

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org or 713-400-0514

- June 14 **Axiom Quartet** presents Open Source, the 2nd-place national winner of the 2024 Ameri-7:00pm can Prize's Charles Ives Award. Music by Karl Blench with special guest bass-baritone Timothy Jones. First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn. www.axiomquartet.com
- July 9 thru 12 **Lone Star Lyric** presents the début opera by Wicked composer Stephen Schwartz, who will attend the July 9 performance! Séance on a Wet Afternoon is a psychological thriller having its Houston premiere on The Gordy's Sterling Stage, 800 Rosine St. www.lonestarlyric.org