

The Houston Music Card

Chamber music and more!

December 2025 – January 2026

- Dec. 2 7:30pm **Ars Lyrica Houston** marks the Advent season with music by Bach, Schütz, and Distler inspired by the timeless *Wachet auf* chorale. St. Philip Presbyterian Church. www.arslyricahouston.org/watchmenssong
- Dec. 2 7:30pm **DACAMERA** presents the Brentano String Quartet with music of Haydn, Webern, Timo Andes, and Bartók. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross. www.dacamera.com
- Dec. 4 6:30pm **ROCO** hosts Make a Joyful Noise! – a fun evening that invites adults to try new instruments while enjoying wines and tasty treats at Padre's Wine Bar, 3522 White Oak Dr. www.roco.org
- Dec. 4 7:30pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents the Ermelinda Cuellar Quartet – music from her new CD, *Under a Lavender Sky*. Lyric Lounge, 1201 Hyde Park Blvd. Tickets: www.lonestarlyric.org
- Dec. 6 and 7 **Houston Chamber Choir** presents *Tapestry* – Christmas at the Villa celebrating the holiday season with the Treble Choir of Houston and the Houston Bronze handbell ensemble. Chapel of the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale. Details at www.houstonchamberchoir.org
- Dec. 6 8:00pm **DACAMERA** presents jazz vocalist Ekep Nkwelle at Wortham Theater Center's Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Dec. 7 4:00pm **Harmonia Stellarum** presents *Fürchtet euch nicht!* – German 17th-century cantors tell the Nativity story. First Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman St. www.harmoniastellarum.com
- Dec. 7 5:30pm **Axiom Quartet** presents *Quiet Strength* – Shostakovich Quartets 5 and 6 with the Villa-Lobos Quartet No. 17. Honoring resilient artistic voices under political oppression. Saengerhalle, 1703 Heights Blvd. www.axiomquartet.com
- Dec. 7 6:30pm **Musica Tra Amici** presents works inspired by collaborations between composers and famous violinists, including Mendelssohn's passionate Trio in C minor. Boson Mo, violin; Brinton Averil Smith, cello; and Evelyn Chen, piano. MATCH, 3400 Main Street. musicatraamici.org
- Dec. 12 7:30pm **Performing Arts Houston** presents the Grammy-winning trio Time For Three, blending classical and contemporary styles in renditions of holiday classics. performingartshouston.org
- Dec. 13 3:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Magnificat with the Bach Choir and Bach Orchestra. Rice University's Stude Concert Hall. www.bachsocietyhouston.org
- Dec. 13 7:00pm **Apollo Chamber Players** present *Holiday Voyage*, celebrating faith, compassion, and cultural harmony. All proceeds will benefit Lone Star Legal Aid. First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn. www.apollochamberplayers.org
- Dec. 13 8:00pm **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents Bach's Christmas Oratorio with the Mercury Singers. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater, 501 Texas Ave. www.mercuryhouston.org
- Dec. 14 4:00pm **Houston Masterworks Chorus** presents a heartwarming holiday concert featuring the Young Singer Competition winner. Trinity Lutheran Downtown. www.houstonmasterworks.org
- Dec. 18–21 **Mercury** presents *Songs of the Virgin* – an Italian Baroque Christmas with Michael Skarke, countertenor. Various locations, details at www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Dec. 19 6:00pm **HOPERA** presents Opera Karaoke – all are welcome to attend and participate in this free holiday-themed event at Gristworkz Brewery, 1504 Chapman St. www.HOPERAhtx.com
- Dec. 20 7:30pm **Houston Choral Society** presents Michael John Trotta's Gloria, Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata, and other holiday favorites. The Foundry Church, 8350 Jones Rd. Houstonchoral.org
- Dec. 20 and 21 **Cor Mundi Chamber Choir** presents *This Wondrous Child* – beloved carols and compositions by Bach, Knaggs, and others. Locations and details at cormundi.org/concerts
- Dec. 31 7:30pm **Lone Star Lyric** presents *Are You Havin' Any Fun?* – Buck Ross, Julia Laskowski, and Kelli Estes present their 20th season of jazz standards by Arlen, Garner, Van Heusen & Loesser, backed with a jazz trio. Ovations Night Club, 2536 Times Blvd. www.lonestarlyric.org
- Jan. 1 6:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents New Year's Day Organ Recital by James Bobb. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org
- Jan. 7 6:30pm **ROCO** presents *Beer & Brass*, ringing in 2026 with the ROCO Brass Quintet performing traditional beer-hall music and favorite arrangements, paired with craft beers and yummy bites at Saint Arnold Brewing Co., 2000 Lyons Ave. www.roco.org
- Jan. 9 & 16 **HOPERA** presents *Ballads, Brews & Buttercream* – a free concert with local musicians singing music paired with beers and cupcakes. Two breweries, details at www.HOPERAhtx.com
- Jan. 10 7:00pm **Kinetic Ensemble** and Aperio present *Yo Soy la Tradición*, featuring Grammy-winning saxophonist and composer Miguel Zenón in music for saxophone and string orchestra inspired by his 2018 album. Hobby Center's Zilkha Hall, 800 Bagby St. www.kineticensemble.org
- Jan. 10 8:00pm **Mercury Chamber Orchestra** presents *Hémisphères* – music from around the world, with Denis Plante, bandoneon, and Stéphane Tétreault, cello. Wortham Center's Cullen Theater, 501 Texas Ave. www.mercuryhouston.org or 713-533-0080
- Jan. 11 4:00pm **Harmonia Stellarum** presents *The Land of the Clavier...* – music of Mozart and Haydn performed on our new Stein fortepiano. First Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman St. www.harmoniastellarum.com
- Jan. 16 & 17 7:00pm **DACAMERA** presents *From the East* – cellist Sonia Wieder-Atherton and pianist Sarah Rothenberg perform with video from Chantal Akerman and music of Ravel, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Martinů, Janáček, Bartók, and more. Hobby Center's Zilkha Hall. dacamera.com
- Jan. 23 thru 25 **Musiq**a and NobleMotion Dance present *Free Rein*, a new work by Artistic Director Anthony Brandt alongside Pierre Jalbert's *Light, Line and Shadow*. MATCH. www.musiqa.org
- Jan. 24 5:00pm **ROCO** presents *Quartet for All Time* – a program of remembrance and renewal featuring the premiere of James Stephenson's *Quartet for Tomorrow*, at Texas Southern University's Charles P. Rhinehart Auditorium, Cleburne St. at Ennis St. www.roco.org
- Jan. 30 8:00pm **DACAMERA** presents soprano Julia Bullock and pianist Conor Hanick in a performance of Olivier Messaien's song cycle *Harawi*. dacamera.com or 713-524-5050
- Jan. 30 & 31 7:30pm **Guitar Houston** presents Polish guitar virtuoso Lukasz Kuropaczewski in a solo recital, performing works by Albeniz, Llobet, Chopin, Debussy, and Schubert. Emerson Unitarian Church, 1900 Bering Dr. guitarhouston.org or 713-598-1443
- Jan. 31 3:00pm **Bach Society Houston** presents *Candlemas Vespers* with Bach's cantata *Alles nur nach Gottes willen*. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd. www.bachsocietyhouston.org
- Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 **Cor Mundi Chamber Choir** and **Houston Early Music** present *After Motets* – Daniel Knaggs' settings alongside their Renaissance counterparts. Locations and details at cormundi.org/concerts



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