

Dear Symphony Friends,

This, our 45th Season of bringing outstanding performances of great music to our community, is a season of many collaborations. Our partnership with the Louisiana International Piano Competition will once again give you the opportunity to hear three truly world-class pianists vie for the prestigious grand prize. Our new partnership with Ballet Alexandria will bring us Houston Ballet II, the touring troupe of the Houston Ballet that will perform a varied program of classical ballet to modern dance accompanied by the live sounds of the Symphony. Another exciting collaboration offers the Symphony the opportunity to present a special Lenten performance of Handel's *Messiah*, made possible by St. James Episcopal Church and the McCormick-Smith Fund. *(Be sure to read the information to obtain your free ticket.)*

As always, the most important collaborator is **you**, our audience. In many ways, the Rapides Symphony is one of the healthiest orchestras that you will find anywhere. In addition to our concert season, our "Community Music School" is growing and we are making an important impact in our community. Please visit our website, www.rapidesymphony.org to see all that we are doing.

I look forward to seeing you all at the concerts!



*Joshua Zona,
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POPS ON THE RIVER

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Alexandria Riverfront Amphitheater
BeauSoleil – Guest Artists

Our annual "Pops on the River" concert will feature everything you love about this annual event – great music, a beautiful riverfront setting, good friends, great food and drink. This year, we will feature the multi-Grammy award winning Cajun music group BeauSoleil to bring a distinctively southern Louisiana feel to Cenla.



LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION FINALS

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center

Once again the Rapides Symphony is proud to perform with three world-class rising stars of the Louisiana International Piano Competition. The winner of the week-long competition will be crowned based on their concerto performances with the RSO at this concert. It is sure to be a great event where Alexandria takes center stage in the music world.



HOLIDAY CONCERT

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2011
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center

Our annual holiday concert has become a beloved Cenla tradition. With a mix of upbeat classics and well-known carols, this is a concert that the whole family will enjoy!

Producing Partner - Nancy Mikell Carruth



HOUSTON BALLET II

Date: Sunday, January 22, 2012
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center

In our first performance since the joining of the RSO and Ballet Alexandria, we present Houston Ballet II (the touring company of the Houston Ballet) with a chamber group of the Symphony. Music from the Baroque to the Beatles will be heard as these world-class young dancers perform.



LOVE AND LOSS

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center

Love and loss is the connecting theme between three orchestral classics: Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll," Richard Strauss' tone poem "Death and Transfiguration," and Leonard Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story" — pieces that showcase the orchestra from its most subtle beauty to its jazziest bombast.

Producing Partner - Roy O Martin



I PAGLIACCI

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2012
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center

By popular demand, the RSO will once again close our season with a semi-staged opera, Leoncavallo's *I Pagliacci*. Jealousy, love and murder are the driving forces behind this opera that has all of the drama and melodrama that you expect from Italian opera.

Producing Partner - The Anne Coughlin Opera Series



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE HANDEL'S MESSIAH

With guest soloists, the Red River Chorale and Northwestern State University Chamber Choir

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center

This concert is made possible by St. James Episcopal Church through a grant from the McCormick-Smith Fund, Inc. Free admission tickets will be available from St. James Episcopal Church beginning February 1, 2012.

RSO SEASON MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2011 - 2012

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- Forte** \$300
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(includes 4 Season Tickets)
- Conductor's Circle** \$1,000
(includes 6 Season Tickets)
- Silver Baton** \$2,500
(includes 8 Season Tickets)
- Gold Baton** \$5,000
(includes 10 Season Tickets)
- Producing Partner** \$10,000
(includes co-production billing for one concert in all public media promotion, 10 season tickets and an additional 25 tickets for named concert.)

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Additional Adult Season Ticket(s): \$75 x _____ = _____ .00
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September 24, 2011 (lawn seating free) \$300 Table of 10
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For more information, please call the symphony office at 442-9709, ext. 2 or visit our web site. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rapidessymphony.org.

