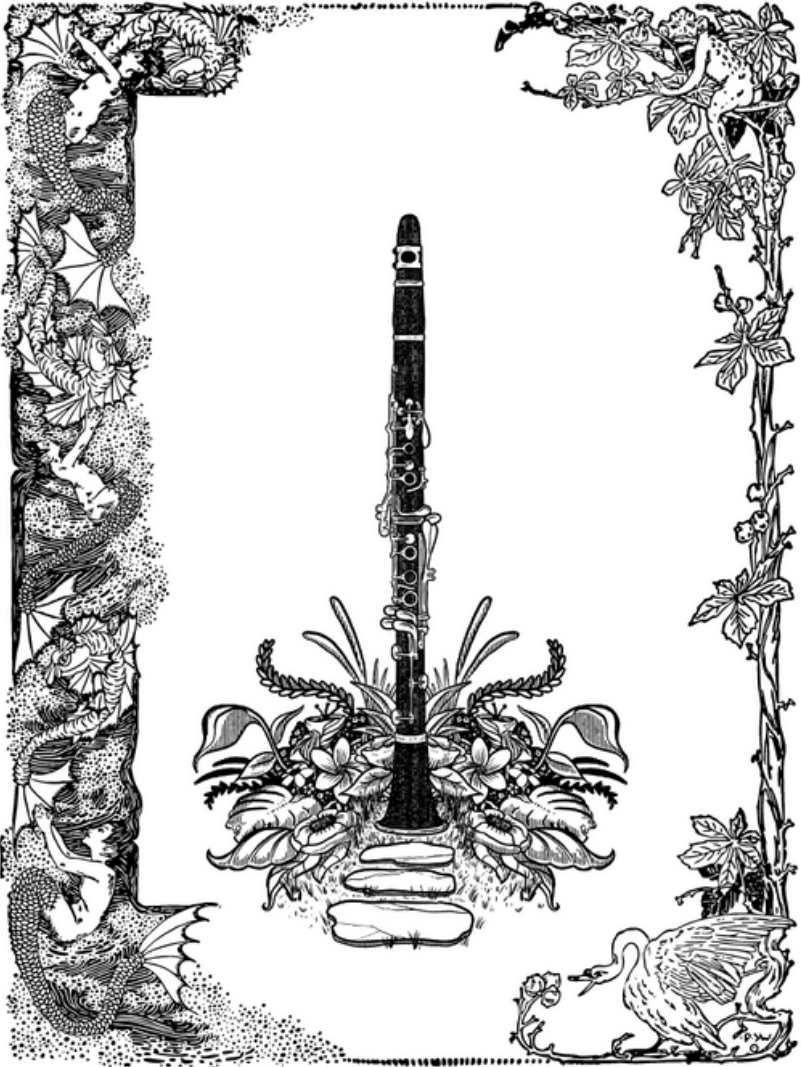




PRESENTS

Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival



April 23-28, 2024

CONCERTS AND EVENTS FOR HOUSTON, TX

In 2017, WindSync launched the Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival to connect Houston's people and places through music. By making extraordinary chamber music accessible to both seasoned and new audiences in concert halls and in non-traditional spaces around the city, we hope to make our city a more creative and livable space.

While the creative placemaking movement is gaining momentum around the globe, it is most often associated with the visual arts rather than the performing arts. Small ensembles are perfect for reaching out to communities at large because they are portable, they don't require sets, and they provide audiences with the opportunity to experience live music in their own neighborhoods. The values of placemaking--galvanizing community involvement and addressing the needs of a particular place--perfectly match the goal of chamber music ensembles as we engage audiences in the concert hall and beyond.

This year, WindSync collaborates with Houston Youth Symphony's Coda Music Program and composer Nicky Sohn. The programming includes workshops with students to bring a new series of pieces to life in concert at Strake Jesuit, a celebratory concert at Rice University, and casual pop ups at spaces throughout the city.

The 2024 Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival features partnerships with local businesses and organizations including Houston Farmers Market, M-K-T Heights, and the Center for Performing Arts Medicine. We welcome WindSync alumni Tracy Viner, Jack Marquardt, Erin Tsai, and Julian Hernandez as guest artists.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Lunch Concert at Crain
Garden

Tuesday 4/23
12 pm | Houston Methodist Hospital

Music at the Market *with*
WindSync and Friends

Wednesday 4/24
5 pm | Houston Farmers Market

Live Music Pop-Up

Thursday 4/25
12:30 pm | M-K-T Heights

Live on Stage *with* HYS Coda

Friday 4/26
6 pm | Parsley Center, Strake Jesuit
College Preparatory

15th Anniversary Concert

Sunday 4/28
3 pm | Duncan Recital Hall, Rice
University



WINDSYNC IS

Houston's wind quintet. We infuse a traditional, if uncommon, genre of Western classical chamber music with relevancy and energy by focusing on collaboration, innovation, and programming for the members of our community. Since the ensemble's founding in 2009, WindSync has developed a reputation as one of the finest North American small ensembles, backed by prizes in chamber music performance from the Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition (2012), the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition (2016), and the M-Prize Chamber Arts Competition (2018).

WindSync's programming responds to the people and places where we work. We lead collaborations with some of our favorite Texas musicians, recently including composers Ivan Trevino, Erberk Eryilmaz, Mason Bynes, and Akshaya Avril Tucker, and our local presenting partners have included the Lunar and Planetary Institute, the Center for Performing Arts Medicine, and Brazos Bookstore. We have served on the Texas Touring Roster for the Texas Commission on the Arts since 2018.

WindSync's robust touring career has led to appearances at the Library of Congress, Ravinia, Strathmore Mansion, Shanghai Oriental Arts Center, and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Our album *WindSync Plays Miguel del Aguila*, released by Azica Records earlier this month, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Traditional Classical charts. The album features the Uruguayan-American composer's works for chamber winds, recorded in London at the iconic Studio Two at Abbey Road Studios. During this year's festival, we perform the premiere of a new version of the latest piece in our growing catalog of commissions, "Yarbird Suite" by Nicky Sohn.

WindSync seeks to connect with audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Each year, we perform for over 5,000 students, and in 2022, we received the Fischhoff Ann Divine Educator Award, recognizing parallel achievements in the areas of artistry and education.

MUSICIANS OF WINDSYNC



Garrett Hudson, flute

Recognized by the Winnipeg Free Press for “shaking up the classical music world”, Garrett Hudson is a founding member of WindSync. The Canadian flutist’s roots lie in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he emerged at the age of 16 in a solo debut with the Winnipeg Symphony. Garrett completed a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of British Columbia, studying under Scottish flutist Lorna McGhee, and he earned his Master of Music degree from Rice University’s Shepherd School of Music under the tutelage of renowned flute pedagogue Leone Buyse. Garrett is usually found behind the wheel of a minivan while WindSync is on tour and is a coffee and wine enthusiast.



Emily Tsai, oboe

A lifelong musician, Emily Tsai began her musical studies at age four on the violin and added the oboe at age ten. Based in Washington, DC, she performs as Assistant Principal Oboe of the Washington National Opera and the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra and is Lecturer of Oboe at the University of Maryland. She has made solo appearances with the Alba Music Festival Orchestra, the Amadeus Orchestra, the Paragon Philharmonia, and the Washington Asian Philharmonic, among others. Emily holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and University of Maryland, and her primary teachers include Mark Hill, Richard Killmer, and Malcolm Smith. She also earned a degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Rochester. Emily loves spoiling her cats, watching video games, and spending time outdoors.



Graeme Steele Johnson, clarinet

Graeme Steele Johnson has established a multifaceted career as a clarinetist, writer and arranger. His diverse artistic endeavors range from a TEDx talk comparing Mozart and Seinfeld, to his reconstruction of a forgotten 125-year-old work by Charles Martin Loeffler, to his performances of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto on a rare elongated clarinet that he commissioned. He has appeared in recital at The Kennedy Center and Chicago's Dame Myra Hess series, and as a chamber musician at Carnegie Hall, the Ravinia Festival, Chamber Music Northwest, Phoenix Chamber Music Festival and Yellow Barn. He holds degrees from the University of Texas and Yale University, and he is now a doctoral candidate at the CUNY Graduate Center under the mentorship of Charles Neidich.



Anni Hochhalter, horn

Born in California and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Anni became interested in chamber music and innovation in the arts after touring with ensembles across North America, Europe and Asia. Anni is principal horn of the McCall Music Festival in McCall, Idaho, and she performs on vocals, electronics, and horn with the band Late Aster. She studied horn at the University of Southern California. Anni is a former winner of the Yen Liang Young Artist Competition. A graduate of Stanford University's Executive Program in Social Entrepreneurship, she is currently executive director and musician chair of WindSync. Based in San Francisco, California, Anni enjoys trail running and backpacking in her spare time.



Kara LaMoure, bassoon

Originally from Dallas, Texas, Kara LaMoure broke into the world of chamber music as a founding member of the Breaking Winds Bassoon Quartet, a comedic crossover group known for its web presence and connection with young musicians. Kara previously performed with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and she can be heard on the original soundtrack to *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*. A teaching artist, Kara has coached youth orchestras in Switzerland, Honduras, Mexico, and Brazil. She holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and Northwestern University, and before joining WindSync, she served on the faculty of the University of Missouri. Between performances, Kara keeps busy adding to her prolific portfolio of arrangements for chamber winds.

LUNCH CONCERT AT CRAIN GARDEN

Tuesday April 23 | 12 - 12:45 pm

Houston Methodist Hospital | 6565 Fannin, Houston, TX 77030

FREE

WindSync's Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival presents a casual lunch hour concert by WindSync at Crain Garden, a favorite common space in Houston Methodist Hospital.

Food and beverage are available for purchase at the ground floor food vendors. Any Houston Methodist employee who makes a purchase from the Fannin Street Starbucks in the main lobby during the concert will receive a 15% discount. Please show your employee badge at the time of purchase.

Parking is available next door in TMC Garage #1 and valet parking is available directly at the hospital entrance. The Metro Rail Dryden/TMC Station is also located directly in front of the hospital.

Thanks to the Center for Performing Arts Medicine for this presenting partnership.





MUSIC AT THE MARKET WITH WINDSYNC AND FRIENDS

Wednesday April 24 | 5 - 6 pm

Houston Farmers Market | 2520 Airline Dr, Houston, TX 77009

FREE

Join WindSync and chamber musicians from across the Houston area for a rotating lineup of outdoor performances! Visit the Houston Farmers Market for food and local goods, then gather at the common space behind the market building for music. WindSync welcomes the Cypress Winds Clarinet Quartet for a special set.

Ample free parking is available right by the lawn! Take either of the 2 entrances off of Service Street. Parking lots are interconnected, so once you enter the Market, you can access both the front, side, and rear parking lots.



Cypress Winds Clarinet Quartet

Founded in 2016, the Cypress Winds Clarinet Quartet perform in the Greater Houston area for museums, churches, community centers, and private events. Consisted of Mae Gremillion, Kathie McStravick, Linda Ryan, and Nancy Angerstein, they are a group of lifetime clarinet players dedicated to expressing their love of music.

The quartet puts on beautiful performances of both contemporary and standard works. With over 100 years of clarinet playing combined, they are able to display their expertise and passion through a variety of musical styles.

As a senior ensemble they also focus on bringing music to the seniors of the community through both their performances and community outreach.

WindSync's newest album debuted at #1 on the classical charts!



visit www.windsync.org/newalbum
or scan the QR code above



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LIVE MUSIC POP-UP: WINDSYNC AT M-K-T HEIGHTS

Thursday April 25 | 12:30 - 1 pm

M-K-T Heights | 600 N Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77007

FREE

Join WindSync for a pop-up music event featuring the wind instruments of the orchestra. This set of music covering Mozart to the blues and everything in between is designed to lift your midday mood! Come and go or sit and enjoy.

Free parking is available on all sides of Building 1 Courtyard by the shops and restaurants. Closest locations will be near La La Land Kind Cafe and Burdlife.

LIVE ON STAGE WITH HYS CODA

Friday April 26 | 6 - 7 pm

The Parsley Center, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory | 8900 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX 77036

FREE

Celebrate music around the world with 200 musicians from beginner to professional level! This eighth annual collaboration with the Houston Youth Symphony Coda Music Program features pieces curated by music director Jackson Guillén. No tickets are needed for this general admission, all-ages event.

This collaborative concert will feature young musicians on violin, cello, and percussion and the five wind players of WindSync. Special guest, composer Nicky Sohn, will join for the debut of a piece newly arranged for this collaboration.



PROGRAM

WindSync

Sambeada	Miguel Del Aguila
El Cascabel	Lorenzo Barcelata/arr. Kara LaMoure
Umoja	Valerie Coleman

HYS and WindSync

Popurri Folklorico Hondureño	arr. Ivan Silva adapted by Jackson Guillen
Wavin' Flag	K'naan/arr. Jackson Guillen
Yardbird Suite	Nicky Sohn
Tico-Tico - Zequinha de Abreu	arr. Andreas Tarkmann adapted by Jackson Guillen



Nicky Sohn, composer

Selected as one of the "Cool 100" by Houston CityBook Magazine, alongside icons like Simone Biles and Megan Thee Stallion, composer Nicky Sohn stands as a versatile and sought-after talent across the United States, Europe, and Asia. Recent highlights include performances by the St. Louis Symphony, National Orchestra Institute and Festival with Marin Alsop, Minnesota Orchestra, Annapolis Symphony, Orchestra of St. Luke's, National Theater of Korea, Sarasota Orchestra, and the Aspen Philharmonic Orchestra. Sohn has received fellowships from The DACAMERA Young Artist Program, MUSIQA, UCross Foundation, Hambidge Center, and Banff Centre. Nicky Sohn is currently pursuing a doctoral degree at the The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University and holds degrees from The Juilliard School and Mannes College of Music.

Houston Youth Symphony Coda Music Program

Blue Ridge-Briargate Elementary	Leonardo Paz	Ketelsen Elementary	Ridgemont Elementary
Alondra Moreno	Marjorie López	Acai Márquez	Alexander Contreras
Anthony Meraz	Mercy Ramos	Amora Trevino	Anaisa Camero
Bruno Trevino	Ozioma Abara	Angie Rodríguez	Annahi López-Contreras
Camila Camargo	Ray Galván	Ava Salas	Ariana Hernández
Dalyn Coleman	Samuel Jiménez	Benicio Guajardo	Brian Cura
Emily Aguilar	Sarah Chox	Cristian Hernández	Britney Miles
Erriel Jackson	Soleil Meléndez	Dariela Jiménez	Camila Aragón
Jacob Porter	Sophia Sivira	Edgar López	De'Sriana Jackson
Janiya Burrell	Yasmin de la Paz	Enrique Pineda	Erick González
Jaxson Brooks	Azul Torres	Henry Bonilla	Isabel Rios
London McMorris	Emmanuel Okorie	Jonathan Rizo	Jacob Emanuel Núñez
Mason Pereira	Shalom Okorie	Joziah Rizo	Jaylah Jiménez
Mia Juárez	Layla Winder	Kahlea Sharry	Julia Benitez
Nyla Mayes	Sara Angarita	Kaitlyn Cuarenta	Kaylah Baca
Olivia Marshall	Hunters Glen Elementary	King Washington	Keiry Bardales
Samantha Alonso	Abiathar Grant	Luciana Moran	Lesly Hernández
Shaunelle Lincoln	Aiden Carroll	María Peralta	Luis Martínez
Tatyana McGhie	Alexander McCardell	Marlon Ortiz	Nicole Yáñez
C. Martínez Elementary	Angelina Pineda	Melanie Ramírez	Ramon Sustaita
Andrea Rocha	Ava Zelaya	Monserrat Morales	Teresa García
Aviella Del Fierro	Ava Smith	Nahomi Ramos	Tiffany Bolen
Bernardo López	Bailee Jack	Seth Alexander	Valeria Yáñez
Hazel Quiroz	Caelyn McCook	Sophia Rodríguez	Zulikey Reyna
Julyssa Medrano	Haile Lang	Violet Narváez	
KayLynn Mitchell	Jasmine Umoette	Looscan Elementary	Sherman Elementary
Laura García	Kaleigh Jack	Aaliyah García	Adam de la Cruz
Malena Ochoa	Lana Nance	Abimael Távira	Alexander Santiago
Marilyn Hernández	Leanna Aguilar	Alison Sánchez	Andrea Turcios
Merary Castillo	Legend Kwasikpui	Andrea Monroy	Ángel Rivas
Roberto López	Miah Williams	Carlos Cabrera	Aries Saucier
Taraji Harvey	Richard Spencer	Delilah Rodríguez	Aylin Trejo
Tristan Phifer	Talia Mitchell	Ebony Rodríguez	Emily Cuadros
Valeria Ruelas	Cadence McCook	Elijah Rodríguez	Emma Trejo
Victoria Castorena	Jefferson Elementary	Emmanuel Martínez	Ethan Nava
E. A. Jones Elementary	Andrew Colunga	Emily Espinoza	Ethan Monjaras
Abby Romero	Brissa Grimaldo	Ethan Galván	Gianna Barajas Castillo
Abdiel Cartagena	Cade Morales	Gabriel Gallardo	Josiah Barrón
Amy Guzmán	Casey Flores	Gabriela Alcántara	Liam García
Angel Nwosu	Cristian Sánchez	Geovanni Alaniz	Luis Jara
Braylon Mack	Gloria Sepulveda	Guillermo Velásquez	Luis Trejo
Christian Romero	Iván Morales	Iram Chávez	Melanie Otero
Elvis Mira	Janelle Medina	Isabella Ramirez	Oasis Saucier
Esbai Cartagena	Liam Rodríguez	Jacey Reyes	Scarlett Trejo
Faith Davis	Neveah Cano	Jaylynn Lozano	Sophia Castillo
Kaila Green	Nicole Torres	Kasey Solis	Soraya Nichols
Kaley Joseph	O'Connor Méndez	Leónidas Alaniz	Tavaris Luna
Kasey Joseph		María Rodríguez	Tobit Baraja Castillo
Kobe Crockett		Valera Alaniz	Canessa Sagastizado
		Xavier Flores	



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ABOUT THE CODA MUSIC PROGRAM



In 2015, Houston Youth Symphony expanded its reach into the community with the HYS Coda Music Program, an El Sistema-inspired after-school project that targets children from low-income families in Houston's Near Northside neighborhood. El Sistema began in 1975 in Venezuela and is now replicated in programs around the globe. El Sistema uses music education to engage children in a safe and fun environment, while helping them build self-esteem and a sense of value.

The HYS Coda Music Program brings graduated, intensive instruction to third, fourth and fifth grade students after school in select Houston ISD Fort Bend ISD elementary schools. Current participating schools are Clemente Martinez, Jefferson, Ketelsen, Looscan, and Sherman Elementary Schools in HISD, and E.A. Jones, Blue Ridge-Briargate, Ridgemont, and Hunters Glen Elementary Schools in FBISD. Using group instruction to build community and social transformation through string ensemble and performance opportunities, the program meets twice a week on each campus after school, free of charge to all participants and schools. Two hours every afternoon are devoted to music instruction, which includes rhythm class, group lessons, music theory, composition and ensemble playing. Coda groups perform for their schools at assemblies, and join together to perform as a large ensemble for community gatherings.

HYS Coda Program

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Nora Henschen, *Coda Assistant*

Abigail Bracewell, *Lead Teacher*

Omar Escobedo, *Lead Teacher*

Luis Gutiérrez F., *Lead Teacher*

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Francisco Garay, *Assistant Teacher*

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Julián Montes, *Intern*

Sheridan Richard, *Intern*

Mahee Agrahar, *Volunteer*

Janvie Deshpande, *Volunteer*



15TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday April 28 | 3 - 4:30 pm

Duncan Recital Hall

Rice University, Shepherd School of Music

6100 Main St., Houston, TX 77005



Ticketed: windsync.org/anniversary (Scan the QR code)

\$15 General Admission, FREE for children, teachers, students

WindSync's Onstage Offstage Chamber Music Festival invites you to celebrate the 15th anniversary of WindSync where it all began! WindSync musicians from founding to present reunite at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music in their first concert at Duncan Hall since the graduation of the original student members. Guest performers for this special program of wind chamber music include alums Tracy Viner, Jack Marquardt, Erin Tsai, and Julian Hernandez.

Celebratory reception with light bites to follow the concert.

This concert has been generously underwritten by Paula Sanders.

PROGRAM

WindSync

Sambeada

Miguel Del Aguila

Garrett Hudson, Erin Tsai, Jack Marquardt, Anni Hochhalter, Tracy Viner

Umoja

Valerie Coleman

Garrett Hudson, Emily Tsai, Julian Hernandez, Anni Hochhalter, Kara LaMoure

You Are My Sunshine

arr. Christopher Ziemba

WindSync

Serenade in C minor, K. 388

W. A. Mozart/arr. Mordechai Rechtman

Allegro

Andante

Menuetto in canone

Allegro

INTERMISSION

WindSync, Julian Hernandez, Jack Marquardt, Erin Tsai, and Tracy Viner

Chaconne from *First Suite in E-flat*

Gustav Holst/arr. Jack Marquardt

Petite Symphonie

Charles Gounod

Adagio--Allegro

Andante cantabile

Scherzo. Allegro moderato

Finale. Allegretto

WINDSYNC ALUMNI

Tracy Viner, WindSync bassoonist 2009-2016

Jack Marquardt, WindSync clarinetist 2012-2016

Erin Tsai, WindSync oboist 2012-2015

Julian Hernandez, WindSync clarinetist 2016-2021

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Each season, WindSync performs for over 25,000 audience members at home in Houston and on tour around the United States. Approximately 36% of audience members experience WindSync in free public concerts or educational programs in schools and community centers. WindSync's Circle of Support ensures the success and sustainability of this community-driven performance approach.

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