

# *“First Tuesdays at Methodist”*

*Crain Garden, Tuesday, Feb. 2*

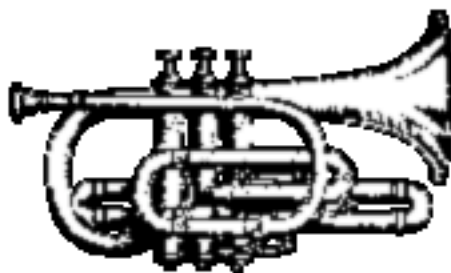
*A Double Feature!*

*12:15-1:00 River Oaks Chamber Orchestra*

*5:15-6:00 Houston Brass Band*



The **River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO)** is a forty-piece professional chamber orchestra that was founded in 2005 by Alecia Lawyer. A Juilliard-trained musician with an eclectic background as a performer, recording artist, adjunct professor, and radio host, Ms. Lawyer had a vision to redefine the orchestral experience for both audience and musicians. The result is ROCO: an orchestra of all-star musicians, distinguished conductors, and famous composers, who come together from all over the world to present unexpected classics, original compositions, and delightful performances that dissolve the barriers between audience and orchestra.



The **Houston Brass Band** is a traditional British-style brass band and is currently the only band of its kind in southeast Texas. The ensemble is dedicated to promoting excellent brass band music through its regular concerts. Current members include talented amateurs and professionals who come from throughout the Greater Houston area, including Methodist's own **Dr. Douglas Koch**

playing Bb Cornet. British brass bands gained popularity in the early 1800's during the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain and Northern Europe. Nowadays many British enterprises - companies, cities, social organizations - support brass bands, as portrayed in the elegant British film Brassed Off. These ensembles, with their unique blend and tone, have a loyal following in the UK and are now gaining popularity in America. The Houston Brass Band, founded in 2000, is recognized as a leader in the genre and will be performing a varied program of music including marches, film scores, and the classics.

