

# About

*Entersect*, “where life and art meet,” is an extension of the music and worship ministry of The Church of St. John the Divine, providing opportunities for all to encounter the Divine through the transformative power of the arts.



Through excellence in concert presentations, teaching, and partner programs with other organizations, our work embraces the audacious strategies of St. John the Divine: equipping people for lives of unceasing prayer and vibrant worship, developing exceptional ministries that change lives for God in Christ, and becoming a world-class teaching center.

*Entersect's* inaugural season features a Christmas Gala with the SJD Chorale, Houston Boychoir, and chamber orchestra. In February, we host our first music and worship conference, where leaders from all over the region come to broaden their skills and worship together. Regularly scheduled performances by ROCO, our in-house professional chamber orchestra, occur throughout the season. Expanded worship offerings of sung prayer are offered throughout the season, both in the ancient Anglican tradition of sung evening prayer (evensong) and the modern Ecumenical tradition of Taizé. Through these key events, *Entersect* reaches across a broad spectrum of the arts with multi-generational audiences.

The arts are God's gift to us, and it is through their unique power that we are able to glimpse the Divine.  
The psalmist says it best: “O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...” (Psalm 96:9a).



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## Christmas ON THE BOULEVARD

Saturday, December 17

**Live Nativity • 4:00 pm**

Experience the mystery of that Holy Night.

**Gala Christmas Concert • 5:00 pm  
in the Church**

The SJD Chorale, Houston Boychoir, and River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO)

Selections from Rutter's *Dancing Day* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*, along with other Christmas favorites. Festive post-concert reception in Summers Hall.

## Organ AND Orchestra CONCERT

Saturday, April 29 • 7:30 pm  
in the Church

The Moores School Symphony Orchestra (Franz Krager, conductor) and organist Robert Bates present the Organ Concerto in G Minor by Francis Poulenc and the monumental *Symphonie Concertante for Organ & Orchestra* by Joseph Jongen. Entersect is pleased to host this concert in honor of Dr. Robert Bates for his many years as professor of organ at the University of Houston Moores School of Music.

## Contemplative Offerings OF SUNG PRAYER

### CHORAL EVENSONG

- Offered by the SJD Chorale
- 6:00 pm in the Church
- Sunday, November 6 • Sunday, February 12**
- Sunday, March 5 • Sunday, May 7**

### Quiet the mind and feed the soul

Worship in the beauty of holiness through the ancient Anglican practice of sung evening prayer, and in the simplicity of sung prayer in the style of Taizé.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER

- Offered by Music for Children and Youth
- 6:00 pm in the Church
- Sunday, November 13 • Friday, January 6**
- Sunday, March 26 • Sunday, May 21**

## RIVER OAKS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA *Concerts*

5pm in the Church • September 24 • November 19 • February 25 • April 1

St. John the Divine is pleased to be home to the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO), an orchestra of all-star musicians, distinguished conductors and contemporary 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.

Tickets for all ROCO events are available in the SJD Bookstore or online at [www.rocohouston.org](http://www.rocohouston.org)



## Called to Worship TOGETHER TRANSFORMED

The SJD Conference on Contemporary Music and Worship • February 17-18

*Equipping, encouraging, and empowering worship leaders from across the region in leading transformative worship*

### Guest Speaker:

The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer,  
Bishop of Central Florida

**Bands:** Robbie Seay Band and Brett Land Band

### Workshops:

Song Writing, Blended Worship,  
Building a Set List, Liturgy & Contemporary Worship,  
Technical Production, Shepherding a Worship Band,  
Foundations for Starting a Contemporary Worship Service

For more information and registration: <http://bit.do/SJDConference17>

## Carillon ON THE LAWN

Thursday, October 13 • 11:00 am & 1:30 pm  
Friday, October 14 • 11:00 am

Enjoy a half hour of lovely carillon music on the SJD lawn featuring the 42-bell Cora Allison Leavens Memorial Carillon. Feel free to bring a lunch!

## Requiem

JOHANNES BRAHMS

Saturday, April 8 • 4:00 pm  
in the Church