Advancing Human Rights and Social Justice

The Chapel shines a light on significant issues of the day through public lectures, community conversations, symposiums, and human rights awards.

Over the next year, the Rothko Chapel’s programming will explore the human impact of climate change, with special attention to those who live on the social, political, and economic margins, and how communities are effectively addressing this global challenge.

NOVEMBER 29, 7pm
Frances Tarlton “Sissy” Farenthold Endowed Lecture in Peace, Social Justice and Human Rights
Elizabeth Yeampierre, internationally recognized attorney and activist, will deliver the fourth annual lecture on the topic of Climate Justice.

FEBRUARY 9, 10am
Spring Symposium Pre-Program Offsite: “Toxic Tour” of Houston
Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (t.e.j.a.s.) will lead a tour of toxic sites in and around the greater Houston community.

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING SYMPOSIUM
Toward a Better Future: Transforming the Climate Crisis
FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 2, 2019
In collaboration with the University of St. Thomas
Rothko Chapel
Engaging the human spirit and community through art, spirituality, and the promotion of human rights.

The Rothko Chapel invites people from all backgrounds and walks of life to discover how to address the diverse and complex needs of the world around us. In addition to offering a quiet place for reflection, meditation, and prayer, the Chapel presents public programs that celebrate community, address contemporary human rights issues, explore the transcendent power of art, and lift up wisdom found in the world’s religions. The Chapel is open to the public at no charge every day of the year.

We invite you to experience the transformative power of this sacred space.

Calendar of Events

2018

SEPTEMBER

W Twelve Moments: 5 Resilience
One Year Anniversary: Healing in Community
After Hurricane Harvey
10pm
F International Day of Peace
Silkroad Ensemble
Presented in partnership with a residency at Rice University
7pm

OCTOBER

W Twelve Moments: 2 Difference
Jewish Tradition
9pm

F Twelve Moments: 3 Diversity
Christian Tradition
10pm

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JANUARY

Tu Twelve Moments: 1 Renewal
New Year’s Day
Crystal Bowl Meditation
7pm
Tu Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration
Presented in partnership with Mahatma Gandhi Library Houston for the Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial
7pm
M MLK Day
21 Audio Installation
11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm

DECEMBER

Tu Twelve Moments: 7 Forgiveness
Islamic Tradition
9pm
Th 34th Annual Houston Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: “Care for Creation”
12pm

FEBRUARY

Tu Twelve Moments: 2 Difference
Jewish Tradition
10pm

FEBRUARY

W Twelve Moments: 6 Stewardship
Zen Buddhist Tradition
12pm
Sa Spring Symposium
Pre-Program Offerings: “Sacred Sites” of Houston Present Program in partnership with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (TEJAS)
10am

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February 25-March 2, 2019 in collaboration with the University of St. Thomas
9pm

REOCCURRING CLASSES

Ga Poetic Reflections
5 Getting-Min Duo

W 12pm
Sa Yoga on the Plaza
Baya Blue Yoga
Every Saturday in October and November
9pm

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Exploring spirituality and living mindfully

Providing space to explore the relationship between the sacred and the self, this series includes practices, discussions, and gatherings that cultivate a more spiritually focused and mindful life.

TWELVE MOMENTS: EXPERIENCING SPIRITUAL AND FAITH TRADITIONS

Each month will highlight a contemplative practice found within one of Houston’s diverse religious traditions while exploring universal themes such as resilience, forgiveness, justice, renewal, and stewardship.

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November 7:
Iman Dr. Wael At. Maait Westdahl-Ahmed Mohammed
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January 7:
Maryam Smits, Bayou Blue Yoga
February 6:
Mary Carol Edwards, Houston Zen Center

INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF OBSERVANCE AND SOLIDARITY

In moments of reflection and stand in support of global topics through music, meditation, and community dialogue.

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Experiencing the Transformative Power of Art

Witness the Chapel come to life with provocative music and original artist projects. 7pm

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