Advance Human Rights & Social Justice

As an institution committed to advancing human rights and social justice, the Rothko Chapel offers the following two signature programs this season:

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February 15, 2023, 6:30pm
In-Person
Presented in partnership with The Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law
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March 2023 | Date to be announced
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Public Programs
September 2022 – July 2023
## 2022–2023 Calendar of Events

**SEPTEMBER 2022**
- International Day of Peace Observance: 6pm

**OCTOBER**
- You Can Be the Last Leaf Book Release & Conversation with Poet Maya Abu Al-Hayyat: 7pm

**NOVEMBER**
- A Time of Remembrance: Presented in partnership with Houston Hospice: 6pm

**DECEMBER**
- MLK Day Observance Audio Installation: 3pm
- Annual MLK Birthday Celebration: 8am & 12pm

**JANUARY 2023**
- In-Person & Livestream
- MLK Day Observance Audio Installation: 16 Jan, 7pm, 3pm, 5pm

**FEBRUARY**
- The Frances Tarton “Sissy” Farenthold: In-Person & Livestream
- MLK Day Observance Audio Installation: 16 Feb

**MARCH**
- International Women’s Day Observance: 8pm

**APRIL**
- Neighborhood Community Day: Presented in partnership with the Menil Collection: 7pm
- Concert: “Simple Gifts”: Featuring River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO): 7pm
- Concert: “Will and Soul”: Featuring Loop38: 7pm
- Performance: “Seeking the Human Spirit”: Presented in partnership with Houston Grand Opera (HGO): 6pm

**MAY**
- World Environment Day Observance: 6pm
- World Environment Day Observance: 1 May
- World Environment Day Observance: 21 May
- World Premiere ROCO Commission by Chen Yi, Carolyn Chen, George Lewis, and a new commission and performed by a music ensemble Loop38: 7pm
- Performance: “Seeking the Human Spirit”: Presented in partnership with Houston Grand Opera (HGO): 6pm

**JUNE**
- World Environment Day Observance: 7pm
- Summer Solstice Observances: Performance for Contemplation by Hamid Drake: Presented in partnership with Nameless Sound: 8am & 12pm
- Evening performance featuring Kaminari Taiko of Houston: 7:30pm

**JULY**
- Summer Solstice: Performance for Contemplation by Hamid Drake: Presented in partnership with Nameless Sound: 8am & 12pm
- Evening performance featuring Kaminari Taiko of Houston: 7:30pm

## Experience the Transformative Power of Art

**October 19, 7pm**
- Poet Maya Abu Al-Hayyat, Director of the Palestinian Writing Workshop, reads from her U.S. debut You Can Be the Last Leaf (2022), translated by Fady Jouad.

**April 1**
- Neighborhood Community Day, presented in partnership with ART Lyrica: Musical story time featuring Marra’s Magical Music Adventure, read in English and Spanish with live string quartet accompaniment, followed by a book signing.

**May 15, 7pm**
- “Simple Gifts” presented by River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO): Musical story time featuring Maria’s Magical Musical story time featuring Maria’s Magical

## Health & Safety

Prior to attending an in-person event, please review our latest health & safety protocols and updates at rothkochapel.org.