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LA SPERANZA ANNOUNCES 2023-2024 SEASON AND RESIDENCY

Houston, TX, July 5, 2023 — La Speranza, the preeminent ensemble in Houston that exclusively performs chamber music on period instruments, announces their 2023-2024 season, **Twists and Turns** and a new residency at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Houston’s bustling Heights neighborhood. Featuring a wide range of music from the early baroque through mid Romantic era, **Twists and Turns** celebrates the beauty of the unexpected in chamber music and in community.

Twists and Turns kicks off on Saturday, September 23 with *From Consort to Quartet*, a program exploring early origins of the string quartet with music by Matthew Locke, Henry Purcell, and Franz Joseph Haydn. *Alpine Escape* on October 28 transports audience members through time and space through music by Swiss and Austrian Baroque composers Schmelzer, Fux, and Torelli. La Speranza’s first festival, “Beethoven on the Bayou” will feature all six of Beethoven’s Op. 18 string quartets over the course of concerts on January 6, 10 (Archway Gallery) and 14. This festival will also be the first time the six Op. 18 string quartets will be performed on period instruments in Houston. *Grand Trios* on March 2 elevates music for three through music for flute and strings by Beethoven, Sperger, and Blanc. In *Coming of Age*, La Speranza’s season finale on May 4, the precocious talents of Mendelssohn and Mozart are featured in works written in their late teen years.

La Speranza announces **Twists and Turns** and residency

“We are beyond thrilled to have a home at St. Andrew’s Episcopal for Twists and Turns,” says Yvonne Smith, artistic director and violist of La Speranza. “The church’s commitment to fostering community, love of the arts, and location in the vibrant Heights neighborhood combine for an incredible place for La Speranza to perform.”

With the exception of January 10, all concerts will be held at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church (1819 Heights Blvd, Houston TX 77008) at 5:00 pm. January 10th’s concert will be held at Archway Gallery (2305 Dunlavy, Houston TX 77006) at 7:00 pm. Tickets and subscriptions will go on sale on July 17 at www.la-speranza.com.

La Speranza evokes the vibrant musical life of the Enlightenment through their historically informed performances and lectures. One of the preeminent American ensembles dedicated (exclusively) to the performance of 18th and 19th century chamber music repertoire, La Speranza infuses performances with passionate authenticity.

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