Mission

Led by four composers, Musiqa’s mission is to enrich and inspire the community through programs that integrate new music with other modern art-forms. With its innovative collaborations and educational programming, Musiqa strives to make modern repertoire accessible and vital to audiences of all ages and musical backgrounds.

Public Concert Series

Music+ Series
Musiqa creates innovative concert experiences that pair modern music with other contemporary art forms such as literature, film, theatre, visual arts and dance with collaborating organizations such as Houston Cinema Arts Society, Alley Theater, Inprint, FotoFest, Aurora Picture Show and Noble Motion Dance.

LOFT Series at CAMH
Free informal performances presented in the context of a contemporary art setting.

Emerging Composer Fellowship
This program gives young composers significant artistic and administrative professional opportunities and showcases the outstanding talent found at area universities.

2017-18 Season

Bodies in Motion
September 23, 2017 • The Hobby Center

LOFT Concert | Annabeth Rosen
November 9, 2017 • CAMH

Looking Back in Time
January 13, 2018 • The MATCH

LOFT Concert | Christopher Knowles
February 8, 2018 • CAMH

The Moving Image
March 3, 2018 • The MATCH

Playing Havoc
April 13+14, 2017 • The MATCH

LOFT Concert | Right Here, Right Now: San Antonio
May 17, 2018 • CAMH

Education Programs

Musiqa's nationally acclaimed Education Program is one of the largest of its kind in the nation for an ensemble our size. Every year, we reach over 6,000 school children in grades 2 through 12, from 60 different schools across eight area school systems, in the Greater Houston area. Since its founding, Musiqa has served over 50,000 students from over 230 schools in the region.

The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts Discovery Series

Around the World with Musiqa
Grades 2-4
Students learn how modern composers make folk songs come alive in personal, imaginative ways. As the children hear and sing songs in different languages, they gain an appreciation of music from diverse cultures.

Musiqa ReMix
Grades 5-7
These performances take students inside pieces of music to explore rhythm, meter, orchestration, harmony, counterpoint and other key concepts. Students are engaged through a combination of live music, theater and animated graphics.

Musiqa's programs are highly interactive: our teaching artists visit each participating school for an in-school workshop. The Discovery Series programs are free to participating schools, including bus transportation to and from The Hobby Center.

Artist Residency Program

Musiqa expands learning opportunities in the arts through in-school residencies at Houston area public schools. Musiqa designs residencies that integrate the arts into science, math, language arts, and social studies curricula. Musiqa tailors each program to meet state education requirements.
About Musiqa

Founded in 2002, Musiqa is dedicated to the performance of contemporary classical music, with a focus on presenting new and original compositions. Through innovative collaborations and educational programs, Musiqa has presented more than 200 performances and performed the music of over 150 modern composers, including more than 30 world premieres. Musiqa has established itself as one of the country's leading contemporary music ensembles whose national honors include:

- Eight awards from the National Endowment for the Arts (2008-16)
- Twelve consecutive grants from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music (2005-16)
- 2013 & 2016 Awards for Adventurous Programming from Chamber Music America/ASCAP.

Core Values

Creative Collaborations
Musiqa creates new concert experiences that showcase the best contemporary classical music while intertwining it with other modern art forms. We are experimental and in the vanguard.

Transformational Programming
Music has the power to change lives. We achieve this through our concerts and our award-winning education programs.

Living Arts
We celebrate contemporary creations – music, art, dance, theatre, and all artistic genres – and believe they are relevant and approachable.

Accessibility
Building new audiences for contemporary music is a central priority. Musiqa believes in making modern music as widely available as possible and is committed to making our concerts accessible to a broad and diverse audience.

High Professional Standards
Musiqa sets the highest professional standards for our performances, outreach and organizational conduct and governance. We believe in transparency, accountability and a constructive environment for our staff, composers, performers, collaborators and supporters.

Financial Highlights
Fiscal Year 2016-17

Income
- Individuals: 7%
- Foundations: 22%
- Government: 38%
- Earned Income: 33%

$269,537

Expenses
- Programs: 10%
- Administration: 20%
- Fundraising: 70%

$280,201

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