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Upcoming Concerts

Pops Concert

Sunday, April 17

3:00 pm

Tickets: \$15

Madera Clubhouse at Quail Creek Green Valley, AZ

Pops in the Park

Sunday, May 1 Free!

7:00 pm

Reid Park, Tucson

Pops Concert

Saturday, May 7

7:30 pm

Tickets: \$19/\$22

DesertView Performing Arts Center SaddleBrooke, AZ

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Dear Dorothy,

Our Pops concerts this spring are sure to get your feet tapping and your fingers snapping! Our theme is "The World's Best Marches and Dances" and the music that Herschel Kreloff has selected is fun and exciting. You have three opportunities to hear our Pops concert, as we will perform in Green Valley, Reid Park in Tucson (free concert!), and SaddleBrooke.

Pops Concert at Quail Creek! ~ Sunday, April 17

The first of three Pops concerts this spring will take place at Quail Creek in Green Valley. This concert sold out last year and tickets are selling fast this year.

Date: Sunday, April 17

Where: Crystal Ballroom at Madera Clubhouse, Quail Creek

When: 1:45-2:45 pm: [Larry Redhouse Trio](#) plays in the Copper Lounge.
3:00 pm: The Pops concert begins.

Tickets: \$15, available at the Concierge Office at Quail Creek and after April 4 at the [Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce](#), 275 W. Continental Rd., Ste. #123.

Cash Bar: Opens at 1:45 pm.

The concert is titled "The World's Best Marches and Dances". [Click here](#) to see all the pieces on the program (PDF). You'll find many familiar pieces and a few that will become your favorites.

See the article below announcing the winner of the **Bid for the Baton** event, who will take the podium to conduct **Stars and Stripes Forever**.

This program will be repeated twice in May, each featuring a different Young Artists' Competition winner. Mark your calendars now, and stay tuned for another newsletter shortly with all the details about the soloists.

May 1 ~ Reid Park, 7:00 - Free!

May 7 ~ [SaddleBrooke](#), 7:30 - \$19 in advance, \$22 at the door.

Meet Brady Lytle, Piano Soloist

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My name is Brady Lytle. I am thirteen years old and I was born in Seattle, Washington. I am the oldest of my 3 brothers. I am in the 7th grade at BASIS charter school in Oro Valley. I began playing piano at age five and I am currently studying with Dr. June Chow-Tyne. I have recently participated in the following piano events: TMTA Merit Scholarship, May 2010, where I placed first in the Middle School Division; Sonatina/Sonata Festival, November 2010, where I earned a gold medal; and TSO Young Artists Concerto competition, October 2010, where I placed 2nd in Division III. In addition to my interest in classical piano, I enjoy playing baseball, riding dirt bikes, hiking and reading.

Brady Lytle was the winner of the Junior Piano Division in our Young Artists' Competition this year. He will perform the first movement of Kabalevsky's Piano Concerto No. 3 at our Quail Creek Pops Concert.

Meet Pat Thoresen, COT Violist

I have always loved playing music. At the age of five, I begged my mother for piano lessons and started violin instruction in the school program in third grade. I especially enjoyed playing with groups of other students. In junior high school I switched to viola and have played viola for 57 years.

Playing in large civic orchestras was a musical thrill that began as a junior in high school when I joined the Elkhart (IN) Community Orchestra. Since Elkhart was home to two musical instrument manufacturers at the time, Selmer and Conn, I played with some of the most talented and knowledgeable brass and wind musicians and craftsmen of the time.



Another thrill was being in an invited audience to see and critique a new musical, possibly headed to Broadway -- "West Side Story". Leonard Bernstein came to Elkhart with a small cast, musicians and vocalists. I will never forget that.

Playing under the baton of Arthur Fiedler in the Northern Indiana High School Honors Orchestra was also an unforgettable experience. I was mature enough to survive his vocabulary and wild energetic style of conducting. Since then, I have loved playing in orchestras wherever I can.

Pat Thoresen is a violist with the COT, member of the Board of Directors, chair of the orchestra's Fundraising Committee, and resident of Quail Creek, where she chairs the Activities Committee. She has been "instrumental" in organizing the Quail Creek Pops Concert.

Bid for the Baton!

As we announced in our recent mailing, we have been taking bids for the opportunity to conduct **The Stars and Stripes Forever** at our Quail Creek Pops Concert on April 17. The winner, with a bid of \$250, is

(drum roll, please)

Ron Darrah

We are now taking bids for the opportunity to conduct the same piece at our Reid Park Pops Concert on May 1 and our Pops Concert at SaddleBrooke on May 7. If you would like to make a bid (minimum \$100), send an e-mail to bidforthebaton@cotmusic.org. Please include your name, telephone number, e-mail address, the concert date and location, and your tax-deductible bid.

Bidding ends for the May 1 Reid Park concert on April 27.
Bidding ends for the May 7 SaddleBrooke concert on May 3.

We are excited about our upcoming concerts and hope you will be able to come to one of them. In addition to attending our concerts, you can support our orchestra by sponsoring a musician's chair or making a donation of any size using our [secure online donation page](#). Please help keep the COT going--and performing free concerts--for another 35 years!

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