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Upcoming Events

COT Yard Sale

Saturday, April 20
7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
2620 N Dodge Blvd.
See story at right.

Pops at Quail Creek

Sunday, April 21 3 PM
Madera Clubhouse
2055 E Quail Crossing
Green Valley
Larry Redhouse Trio at 1:45
(ticketed event)

Pops in the Park

Free Concert

Sunday, May 5 7 PM
+ Musical Instrument
Petting Zoo at 6 PM
DeMeester Outdoor
Performance Center
Reid Park, Tucson

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Dear Dorothy,

Our spring Pops concerts are just around the corner. We are excited to bring you winners of our 2013 Young Artists' Competition. Read about them below and on our website. Please encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to attend these concerts with you!

Pops Concerts Feature Fabulous Young Musicians

At each of our Pops Concerts, you will hear two winners of our 2013 Young Artists' Competition. This year, we feature a variety of instruments: piano, violin, cello, and oboe. We know you will be very impressed by their performances. Click on the photos below or follow the links to read these musicians' bios on our website.

Pops at Quail Creek ~ ticketed event *

Sunday, April 21 ~ 3:00 pm, Larry Redhouse Trio ~ 1:45 pm



Brady Lytle, first place winner of the Senior Piano Division, will play the first movement of Grieg's Piano Concerto in a minor.



Carissa Powe, first place winner of the Junior Strings Division, will play the first movement of Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4.

Pops in the Park ~ free concert

Reid Park: Sunday, May 5 ~ 7:00 pm, Instrument Petting Zoo ~ 6:00 pm



Levi Powe, second place winner of the Junior Strings Division, will play Hungarian Rhapsody for cello by David Popper.



Kip Zimmerman, first place winner of the Senior Winds/Percussion Division, will play the first movement of the Oboe Concerto by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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* Tickets for "Pops at Quail Creek" are available for \$15 at the Quail Creek Concierge Desk and, after April 8, at the Green Valley~ Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce, 275 W Continental Suite 123 in Green Valley.

What's on the Program?

In addition to the young musicians' solo pieces listed above, our Pops concerts will include compositions to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, as our **free** Reid Park concert will take place on May 5.

Come hear Mexican folk songs and serenades, dynamic dances, cowboy movie themes, marches, and much more! We'll also be playing some show tunes, plus a waltz and a march that will inspire audience participation.

For a complete list of pieces on the program, please [visit our web page](#) for this concert. There, you can also read complete biographies of our young musicians.

Be sure to come to the Reid Park concert early to participate in our **Musical Instrument Petting Zoo** (fun for all ages!) at 6:00 pm.

Bring chairs or a blanket, perhaps a picnic, and let the Civic Orchestra of Tucson serenade you. It's a fun evening for all ages!



The Reid Park concert might be the last chance for you to get a **COT T-shirt** celebrating our 35th anniversary. We design a new one every five years, so you'll have to wait a couple of years for the next one. T-shirts will be available for just \$5 at this concert! Pick up a few COT recycle bags for your groceries, too. We thank local artist Sandy Darling for her wonderful design.

COT Yard Sale ~ April 20

We are busily collecting items for our Yard Sale on Saturday, April 20. We'll have plenty of items for all your interests and needs.

Date: Saturday, April 20

When: 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 2620 N Dodge Blvd. (just south of Glenn)

We will happily accept your cash and personal checks (no credit cards).

In addition to coming to our Yard Sale, you can also support our orchestra by donating items that you no longer need. Just stop by 2620 N Dodge Blvd. on Friday, April 19, from 4:00-6:00 pm to drop off your items.

We will accept all types of items and can give you a donation receipt for your tax records.

If you have many items to donate or something too large to fit in your car, we may be able to pick it up. Just reply to this newsletter and request an item pick-up.

Help us present free
concerts in the Tucson
area for 37 more years!

Thank you!



Do you have a car or
other vehicle that you
no longer use?
Consider donating it to
the Civic Orchestra.

[Read more...](#)

Thank you for supporting our Yard Sale!

Remembering Long-Time COT Benefactor, Dr. Kenneth Parkhurst

We fondly remember Dr. Kenneth Parkhurst, who passed away in March at the age of 88 after a full life. He was a major contributor to the Civic Orchestra of Tucson for many years and one year made a significant donation to enable our Young Artists' Competition to be held. He definitely saved the event that year!

Dr. Parkhurst was born in Moscow, Idaho, in 1925 and as a youth lived in England, Scotland, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, graduating from Amherst College. He eventually moved west to the University of Southern California to get his PhD. in Economics.



In his retirement, he became a local artist with numerous exhibits in Silver City, NM, and elsewhere, specializing in oil and acrylic painting. In 2012 he won a national art contest held for the 50,000 Emeritus Senior Living residents around the country. [Click to see his winning artwork.](#)

He was active in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Silver City, NM, participating in the vestry and serving as senior warden. He was a member of the choir and started and endowed a music series. [Read his full obituary here.](#)

Dr. Parkhurst is pictured above with his wife, Charlotte, who passed away in 2008. Marilyn McNamara, his daughter, has played oboe in the COT for more years than she can remember. She also serves as the orchestra's Librarian.

Dr. Parkhurst was a true patron of the arts. We will miss him.

We look forward to seeing you at our Pops concerts in April and May.

With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts in the Tucson area for another 37 years. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

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