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COT News ~ Pops Concerts in May

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Upcoming Concerts

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

Mark Your Calendar

COT Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21

7:00am - 2:00pm

at 2620 N Dodge Blvd

Plan to dine at Lotus Garden Restaurant

anytime **May 21** or **22** to help the COT.

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Read the details in our next newsletter!

Dear Dorothy,

The enthusiastic audience at Quail Creek can tell you what fun our Pops Concert was! We had a great crowd, and Bid for the Baton winner Ron Darrah did an excellent job conducting "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Now we are getting ready for two more Pops Concerts that feature "The World's Best Marches and Dances" and two different 2011 Young Artists' Competition winners. Our upcoming performances are at Reid Park in Tucson (free concert!) and SaddleBrooke. Read about them below.

Pops in the Park ~ Sunday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

Please come with your friends and family to our free Pops concert at Reid Park. It is sure to be a fun time for all ages! Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic dinners, leashed pets, and children.

Date: Sunday, May 1

Where: Reid Park, Tucson

When: 6:00 - Petting Zoo, where kids of all ages can try playing some instruments

7:00 - Pops concert, featuring cellist Sara Page (see below)

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

Forward this e-mail to all your friends and family to make sure they know about our free concert.

Meet Sara Page, Cello Soloist

Please Sponsor a Musician's Chair!

Stay tuned for information on how to sponsor the chair of one of our orchestra members next season.

Help the COT offer free concerts for 35 more years!

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the COT this spring. Your gift will allow us continue to provide free concerts to audience members in the greater Tucson area.

Help COT as you search and shop!

Through **iSearch** and **iGive** you can make a small donation to our orchestra whenever you search the Web or purchase online. Please read the [details on our Web site](#).



Cellist Sara Page, a student of Mary Beth Tyndall, discovered her love for cello and classical music at a young age. Sara is the cellist in the Callisto String Quartet with her triplet sister Micca Page and twins Kristyn and Kaitlyn McLeod. She attends University High where she is a member of the R/UHS Chamber Orchestra and Orchestra Club. Sara currently serves as the principal cellist of the Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra. She has attended Rocky Ridge Music Center where she performed Fauré's *Élégie* with the faculty orchestra in 2006. This past summer, she attended Interlochen's Center for the Arts as an Emerson Scholar where she was the recipient of the Maddy Summer Artist Award

at the conclusion of the summer. With the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, she performed Goltermann's Fourth Cello Concerto in 2007 and Popper's Hungarian Rhapsody in 2010. This year Sara won first place in the TSO's Young Artist Competition as well as the Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra's concerto competition. She was a gold medalist in TPYO's Scholarship Competition. Sara aspires to a career in cello performance and music education.

Sara Page was the winner of the Senior String Division in our Young Artists' Competition this year. She will perform the first movement of Saint-Saens Cello Concerto at our Reid Park Pops Concert.

Pops Concert at SaddleBrooke ~ May 7 at 7:30 pm

We are also presenting our Pops program at SaddleBrooke this year. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets and see the concert description and flyer. View the [concert program](#) here.

Date: Saturday, May 7

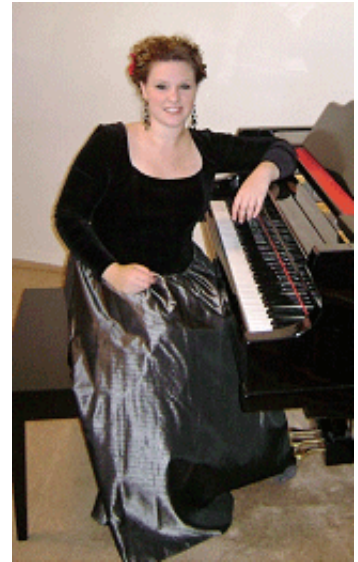
Where: DesertView Performing Arts Center in SaddleBrooke

When: 7:30 - Pops concert, featuring pianist Shantell Petty (see below)

Tickets: \$19 in advance, \$22 at the door.

Meet Shantell Petty, Piano Soloist

Shantell Petty is a seventh generation Arizonan. She is 17 years old and currently attends Sabino High School as a junior. Her formal study of the piano began in the fall of 2006 under the instruction of Dr. June Chow-Tyne. Since her last performance with the Civic Orchestra in 2009, Shantell won First Place in the Tucson Music Teacher's Association Merit Scholarship Audition. She was also chosen as a finalist for the Tucson Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition and received Honorable Mention for the Music Teachers National Association's Young Artist Competition on the state level. She currently serves as accompanist for her church choir and volunteers occasionally at Salpointe Catholic High School as their Choral Accompanist. This is Shantell's second time to perform with the Civic Orchestra of Tucson and she considers it a great honor. In addition to her love of music, Shantell enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with friends and family.



Shantell Petty was the winner of the Senior Piano Division in our Young Artists' Competition this year. She will perform the first movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 at our SaddleBrooke Pops Concert.

Bid for the Baton!

You still have time to bid for the opportunity to conduct **The Stars and Stripes Forever** at our Pops concerts at Reid Park on May 1 or SaddleBrooke on May 7.

To make a bid, send an e-mail to bidforthebaton@cotmusic.org. Please include your name, telephone number, e-mail address, the date and location of the concert, and your tax-deductible bid (no minimum bid). Bidding ends two days before the concert. Plan to arrive at the concert early for a short conducting lesson. The baton is yours to keep!

Ron Darrah, the high bidder for our Quail Creek Pops concert, had great fun conducting the COT, wearing a tux jacket, white dress shirt, bow tie, black shorts, and white socks and sneakers! We should have taken his picture! After the march he scratched the experience off his "Bucket List."

Is conducting an orchestra on your Bucket List? Special dress is not required, just a sense of humor!

COT Yard Sale ~ May 21

Mark your calendar now to remind you of our 2011 Yard Sale.

Date: Saturday, May 21

When: 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

Come to our Yard Sale to browse our items on May 21. You can also

support our orchestra by donating items that you no longer need to our Yard Sale. Just stop by 2620 N Dodge Blvd. on Friday, May 20 between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm to drop off your items. We will accept all types of items and can give you a donation receipt for your tax records.

Thank you for supporting our Yard Sale.

We are always excited to perform our Pops concerts. They are a lot of fun and we hope you will be able to come to one of them. In addition to attending our concerts, you can support our orchestra by 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!

Sincerely,

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