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## COT News ~ August 2012

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### Mark Your Calendars for the Concerts in our 2012-2013 Season

#### "Symphonic Masterpieces"

*Free Concerts*

**Saturday, Oct. 6** 7 PM  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
1220 W Magee Rd, Tucson

**Sunday, Oct. 7** 3 PM  
Sahuarita District Auditorium  
350 W Sahuarita Rd,  
Sahuarita

#### "Humor in Music"

*Free Concert*

**Sunday, Dec. 2** 3 PM  
Rincon High School  
421 N Arcadia Blvd, Tucson

#### Holiday Concerts

To be announced

#### "All-American Program"

*Free Concerts*

**Saturday, Feb. 9** 7 PM  
Crow der Hall  
UA School of Music  
1017 N Olive Rd, Tucson

**Sunday, Feb. 10** 3 PM  
Canyon Del Oro High School

Dear Dorothy,

We hope you are enjoying your summer and occasional monsoon rains!

Mark your calendars for our **October 6** and **7** concerts. We will be performing Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2 and Mozart's Symphony No. 40. If you are interested in joining the COT, see the article below.

Contribute to the COT every time you shop online using iGive. Their new button makes it simple! Trying it out could help us win their sweepstakes!

### A Better Way to Shop Online -- For You and the COT!



Just imagine!

- Over 1,000 merchants that donate to the COT a percentage of what you spend--from a few percent to as much as 20%
- An easy way to find those merchants (most are well-known)
- Extra discount codes to save you money

I have changed how I shop online, and it couldn't be better. I signed up for a free iGive account and installed the iGive button in my Web browser. It was easy to do and it works perfectly. Now I know right away where to buy items to benefit the COT.

If I "Google" what I want to buy, participating merchants are marked with the iGive logo. There are usually many choices, so I can compare prices.

**Adagio Teas**  
[www.adagio.com/](http://www.adagio.com/)  
Fresh **tea**, cool accessories  
popular **tea** store online, with

At the bottom right, a button tells me iGive is turned on. I can click it to see discounts, which often include free shipping.

Now is the perfect time to try iGive. Their DogDays Charity Sweepstakes could send up to \$5,000 our way. When you sign up by September 15 and try the iGive button for at least 24 hours, iGive will add \$1 to the prize amount. (You don't have to purchase anything.) Ten charities listed by iGive members will be picked at random on September 30. The more people who sign up and designate COT as their charity, the better our chances of winning!



25 W Calle Concordia  
Oro Valley

**Pops at Quail Creek  
Sunday, April 21 3 PM**

Madera Clubhouse  
2055 E Quail Crossing  
Green Valley  
(ticketed event)

**Pops in the Park**

*Free Concert*

Date and time TBA  
DeMeester Outdoor  
Performance Center,  
Reid Park, Tucson

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So, please [sign up](#) today. Make sure you type Civic Orchestra of Tucson as your cause! (Click on the form at the right to see a larger image.)

Thank you for supporting the COT when you shop online using [iGive!](#)

**Music Program Picks**

Do you listen to classical music at home? We always have music playing at our house, from the radio or one of hundreds of sites that stream classical music over the Internet. All you need is a computer to listen, although external speakers make the music sound even better.

Here are some of my favorite programs:

- [Exploring Music with Bill McGlaughlin](#) airs weeknights at 7pm on KUAT (90.5 FM). Each week, he picks pieces around a theme, such as a composer, country, time period, musical style, etc. He tells the stories of the pieces and composers, plays works that served as inspiration, and often demonstrates interesting rhythms and harmonies on the piano. The program is fascinating and I always learn something new. (I don't miss it on Tuesdays, when I have COT rehearsals: I listen to it at 4pm on [Vermont Public Radio!](#))
- [From the Top](#) showcases talented young musicians from across the country (Sundays at 12pm on KUAT or 2pm on Vermont Public Radio).
- [Community Concerts](#) airs concerts of local performing groups (Sundays at 3pm or Thursdays at 9pm on KUAT).
- [Radio Swiss Classic](#) streams classical music 24 hours a day with no interruptions. Selections are generally from the 17th-19th centuries. The main page is in English, but you'll choose to listen to concert announcements in German, French, or Italian!

Vermont Public Radio currently has a fun Olympics quiz on its website, based on characters in classical music that have Olympian athletic abilities. You listen to audio clips and match them to Olympic sports. [Try it!](#)

Look for these and more [links on the COT website](#). Happy listening!

**All Tuned Up and Ready to Play!**

Our musicians are getting ready to start rehearsals on August 21. The week before, we gather for a Welcome Back Party to pick up our music folders and enjoy a little recital. Many of our members have been playing together over the summer in various ensembles, including flute and viola duets, flute quartet (flute/violin/viola/cello), cello duets, and other combinations of instruments. We'll hear what they have been working on.

Where do we find music to play? Music that is in the public domain for nearly any combination of instruments is available for free from the International Music Score Library Project. Whether you are looking for a trio or septet, serenade or tarantella, or have an unusual combination of instrumentalists who want to play together, you'll no doubt find music there. If you play the piano, there are 12,060 pieces to browse. There is

even a piece by Cecile Chaminade for [piano eight hands](#) (four people at one piano)!

The [IMSLP website](#) is a great resource and fun to explore for any musician!

## Would You Like to Play with the COT?

If you are interested in joining the COT, or know of any musicians who might be, please contact our Orchestra Recruiter, [Alisha Nichols](#).

We rehearse at the Jewish Community Center (3800 E. River Rd.) on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:30 pm. We are currently looking for first violin players, a second trombone player, and a percussionist, preferably with mallet skills.

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We hope to see you at our free concerts this year.

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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