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COT News ~ August 2013

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2013-2014

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Saturday concerts at 7 PM

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"Music Inspired by Shakespeare"

Saturday, October 12

CDO High School, 25 W Calle Concordia, Oro Valley

Sunday, October 13

CPAC, 1250 W Continental Road, Green Valley

"Gifts of Music"

Saturday, December 7

Leo Rich Theater, 260 S Church Avenue, Tucson

Sunday, December 8

Vistoso Community Church, 1200 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley

"Musique Française"

Saturday, March 15

Crow der Hall, U of A, 1017 N Olive Rd, Tucson

Sunday, March 16

Location to be announced.

Pops Concerts

Sunday, April 27

Madera Clubhouse at Quail Creek (Ticketed event sponsored by Quail Creek)

Sunday, May 4 at 7 pm

Dear Dorothy,

It's hard to believe that summer is just about over, at least for our musicians. Our rehearsals start on August 13. We currently have openings for a co-principal cellist, and musicians who play viola, double bass, and tuba. If you know anyone who plays these instruments, please e-mail our General Manager, [Bob Kovitz](#).

Dr. Herschel Kreloff, our Music Director and Conductor, has created three fabulous programs for our free concerts this year -- our 38th season. We are still finalizing some locations, but you can pencil in the dates on your calendar. [Click to see the current schedule information](#) (see also the listing on the left side of this newsletter).

In July, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Bill Kundrat, a long-time member who made a real difference in many ways. Read about him below.

Remembering Bill Kundrat



"I've never known a kinder, gentler man than Bill Kundrat," recalls Lori Fitzsimmons. Long-time members of the COT fondly remember Bill, who passed away in July 2013.

Terry Sullivan, former COT General Manager and horn player, offers these photos and shares his memories:

"Bill Kundrat was a person who loved music and loved kids. He was an original member of the COT, or if not an original, he began playing with COT when COT was very young. He served as President and Treasurer and was the one who added professionalism to the development of the COT budget. He created order out of the cigar box by introducing QuickBooks for the financial side of the orchestra.

"On the artistic side, Bill played his violin for many years. But that was not all he did. In his free time he repaired stringed instruments so that others could experience the thrill of creating beautiful music. I don't think he ever

Petting Zoo at 6 pm
Reid Park, Tucson

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missed a 'Petting Zoo' until he finally retired from his active playing. He and several other members of the string section traveled around the city putting on impromptu chamber concerts in nursing homes, school, churches, coffee shops, meat markets, and Target.



Bill Kundrat plays with other former members, **Jill Hentz** and **Haaren Miklofsky**. [Click here to read about them.](#)

"There was many a time that for whatever reason COT could not get into its rehearsal location. A quick call to Bill or his wife, Mary, and voila! we had Friendship Hall at Bill's church. I miss Bill very much. He was a wonderful person who cared. And he loved music. Not only did he never miss a COT concert, but every Saturday evening in May and September you could always find Bill and Mary in Udall Park for the Arizona Symphonic Winds concert."

A memorial service for Bill will be held at Christ Church United Methodist (655 N Craycroft Rd) on September 7 at 11:30 am. COT members will provide music starting shortly after 11:00. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's memory to Christ Church United Methodist or the Civic Orchestra of Tucson.

[Click to read his full obituary,](#) published in the Arizona Daily Star on 7/31.

Meet the COT Board (Part I)

We would like to introduce our [board members](#) to you. They are a hard-working, dedicated group of people whose job is to keep our orchestra running smoothly and fiscally healthy. This month you will meet half of them and next month you'll meet the rest.

First, many thanks to those who stepped down from the board in May: Patricia Thoresen, Jose Solorzano, Megan McAndrew, Ethan Beasley, Gordon Gillin, and Ann Gillin. We appreciate their service to the orchestra.

Here is a little about four members of the COT board, in their own words.

Dorothy Fitch, Board President

I have played cello (and occasionally flute and piccolo) with the COT since moving to Arizona from New Hampshire 4 years ago. I also apply for grants for the orchestra, update the content on the COT website, and write this

newsletter. My day job is teaching 650+ students in grades K-2 how to use computers at Sahuarita Primary School.

Marilyn McNamara, Vice-President

I have played 2nd oboe and English horn with the COT for 30 years, give or take one or two (mainly because I have no idea, so I am estimating based on how old my youngest child is!). I am also the music librarian, and--in a moment of madness--the new VP of the Board. I also play in three other groups, and am librarian for two of them. I'm definitely a glutton for punishment!

Elaine Water, Secretary

Music has always been my passion. I have played French horn in the COT since 1994, and I have also played piano and organ. After graduating from NAU, I worked as an administrative assistant paralegal for a nonprofit in child welfare until my children were born. In addition to being secretary of the COT, I am the sunshine lady, sending cards to COT members when they are ill, and I also maintain our orchestra's historical scrapbooks.

Glynn Eastham

An Arizona native, I have played viola with the COT since 2006. I retired from U.S. Navy, retired from Hewlett-Packard, and most recently retired from the Marana USD where I taught 5th and 6th grade orchestra. Current activities also include participating in the Reading Seed Program as a K-3 reading tutor, singing in my synagogue's choir, and substitute teaching.

We welcome additional board members, especially members of the community. You don't need to play an instrument, just love classical music, support our mission, and want to help us continue presenting free concerts for another 37 years! Please send an e-mail to Dorothy Fitch ~ president@cotmusic.org ~ if you are interesting in joining our board.

Follow the COT on LinkedIn!



If you are a member of LinkedIn, you can now "follow" the COT there. Simply click on the LinkedIn button at the left, log in to your LinkedIn account, and click the Follow button there. We wanted to increase our Social Media presence and use the power of networking to spread the word about COT. Please join us on LinkedIn and share our page with your LinkedIn connections.

New GuideStar Ranking



You may already be familiar with GuideStar. This organization's mission is to help people like you make good decisions about their charitable contributions.

We have just completed the process of becoming a Bronze-level GuideStar Exchange participant.

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With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts in the Tucson area for another 38 years. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

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