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Dear Dorothy,

Although our 2013-2014 concert season ended at Reid Park on May 4, our musicians kept busy over the summer. Read more below.

Mark your calendars now for the dates of our 2014-2015 concerts! See the information at the left, and more details on our [website](#).

Our rehearsals start soon and we can't wait to start playing together again!

Upcoming Events

2014-2015 Free Concerts Our 39th Season!

Saturday events at 7 pm
Sunday events at 3 pm

Saturday, October 11
Jewish Community Center
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**Sunday, October 12**  
CPAC, Green Valley

**Sunday, December 7**  
Vistoso Community Church  
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Sunday, December 14
Christ Church United
Methodist

Saturday, December 27
Sunday, December 28
The Nutcracker Ballet, with
Dancing in the Streets AZ
(ticketed event)

Saturday, January 31
Benefit Concert for our
Young Artists' Competition

Our 2014-2015 Concert Season

Dr. Herschel Kreloff has picked some wonderful music for our 2014-2015 season.

Each year, he likes to program a familiar symphony as well as one that might be less familiar to our audiences. This year he has chosen Dvořák's New World Symphony, which you will likely know, and Prokofiev's Symphony No. 7, a wonderful symphony that will probably be new to you.

Other highlights are Variations on a Theme by Haydn (Brahms), the Overture and Act II of The Nutcracker Ballet (Tchaikovsky), The Moldau (Smetana), some Strauss waltzes, and a Verdi overture.

For detailed schedule information, please visit our [website](#). Watch for details about the pieces we will play in future newsletters and online.

COT Receives \$3,000 Grant



We are pleased to have received a Community Investment Grant from the AZ Commission on the Arts. Our grant award of \$3,000 was the maximum possible for our size organization.

With our small budget, we are a Level I non-profit in the state. The funding is not tied to a specific project. We can use this award for general operating expenses.

Thanks go to orchestra members Dorothy Fitch and Fran Moskowitz for writing this grant. And thank you to the Arizona Commission on the Arts for their support!

The Highlands at Dove Mt.
(ticketed event)

Saturday, March 14
Crow der Hall, UA

Sunday, March 15
PCC Center for the Arts

Sunday, April 6
Pops at Quail Creek
(ticketed event)

Sunday, May 3
Pops in the Park ~ Free!
Petting Zoo at 6 pm
Reid Park, Tucson

Concert details are subject
to change.

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The Commission awarded nearly \$2 million dollars in all to over 250 non-profit arts organizations. For a list of all the grantees, please visit the [AZ Commission on the Arts website](#).

Summer Musical Fun

This summer, our musicians presented fun, interactive music programs at the Oro Valley Town Council Chambers. Our programs were so well received, the hosting organization, SAACA (Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance) has already invited us to come back next summer!

We were also pleased to have been invited to hold Music Instrument Petting Zoos to celebrate the opening of the Modern Streetcar Project. Our zoos were held at the U of A's Main Gate Square for a total of 6 hours on July 25-27. Our Zoos were so well received that we now have an invitation to hold more Zoos at "Bear Down Fridays" this fall. Thank you to Head Zookeeper Barbara Freischlad and her assistants for making these zoos possible.

Meet Our Board of Directors

Our membership voted on a new slate of Board Members at its Annual Meeting on May 6. The Board elected its officers at its May 10 meeting.

President: Dorothy Fitch
Vice President: Marilyn McNamara
Secretary: Elaine Walter
Treasurer: John Munier

Members at Large:

Chris Byron, Glynn Eastham, Tom Hageman, Jim Hentz,
Paul Matthews, Sylvia Payne, and Alexandra Sackett

We thank **Mary Feldsien** for her past service to the Board. Although she is stepping down from the Board, she has offered to be in charge of our fundraising concert on January 31, which was such a success last year, thanks to her efforts.

Thanks also go to **Sylvia Payne** for serving as Treasurer for many years. She is stepping down as Treasurer, but will remain on the Board.

Welcome to our New Board Members

Paul Matthews is the Minister of Music at the Vistoso Community Church, where we performed last December to an overflow audience. He has served on the board of an orchestra in California, and brings marketing and advertising experience. He has become a great friend of the COT and looks forward to sharing his enthusiasm with his network of colleagues.

John Munier, our new Treasurer, has experience using QuickBooks, having handled the accounting for the small business he ran for years. He also maintained the donor database for a non-profit music organization in New England.



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Chris Byron, who owns his own lapidary business, and **Alexandra Sackett**, who has served as the Philanthropy Chair of a UA service club, are both violinists in the COT. We welcome their fresh ideas to help guide our orchestra.

It's Time to Re-enroll your Fry's Card!



We are delighted with the results of our participation in Fry's Community Rewards Program. Your support of the COT through this program has exceeded our expectations, generating close to \$500 per year.

Each year, however, you will need to re-enroll your V.I.P card to support the COT. And if you haven't yet enrolled, what better time than now!

Follow these steps to enroll or re-enroll your card:

1. Go to the [Fry's Community Rewards Program webpage](#).
2. Click on **Sign In**. (Create an account if you don't already have one.)
3. Type your e-mail address and password, then click Sign In.
4. Click on **My Account**, at the top of the page.
5. Scroll down the page to the Community Rewards section.
6. If no organization is listed, click the **Enroll** button. Type Civic Orchestra to search for us. Select our name and click the **Enroll** button.
7. If Civic Orchestra of Tucson is already listed, click the **Edit** button and type our name to re-enroll your card and keep your support active.

For detailed instructions on how to create an account and enroll your Fry's card, [click here](#):

Thank you for supporting the COT with your Fry's card. When you shop at Fry's, look for the printed message at the bottom of your receipt that shows you are supporting the Civic Orchestra of Tucson.

And don't forget, if you are 55 or over, you can save 10% on your entire Fry's shopping order on the first Wednesday of every month. **Save this month on Wednesday, August 6!**

Thank you for your interest and support of the Civic Orchestra of Tucson. With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts in the Tucson area for another 39 years.

Sincerely,

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