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## COT News ~ August 2015

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### Upcoming Events

**2015-2016**

**Our 40th Season!**

**Herschel Kreloff,  
Music Director**

**All concerts are FREE  
unless otherwise noted.**

### OCTOBER CONCERTS

**Sat., October 10 3pm**

Christ Church United  
Methodist, Tucson

**Sun., October 11 3pm**

CPAC, Green Valley

### DECEMBER CONCERTS

**Sat., December 5 5pm**

Sells, AZ, Place TBA

**Sun., December 6 3pm**

Vistoso Community  
Church, Oro Valley

Dear Dorothy,

What were you doing in 1975, the year the COT was founded? For some of you it may not seem all that long ago! Others of you weren't even born yet. Just take a look at what was happening in 1975 below.

Be sure to come to our October concerts that launch our 40th season.

## Free October Concerts

Wow! There are already 82 seats reserved for our concert in Green Valley and we haven't even started rehearsals yet. We will, though, on August 18. It's fun to watch the number of reserved seats grow each week.

We can't tell how many people will be coming to our concert in Tucson, but we're sure that you have it on your calendar. If not, mark it now!

Follow the links below to read more about the soloists. Come to both concerts to hear all the pieces!

### **SATURDAY, October 10 at 3:00 pm**

Christ Church United Methodist, 655 N Craycroft Rd., Tucson

- **The Cowboys Overture ~ John Williams**
- **Organ Concerto in G minor ~ Francis Poulenc** [Janet Tolman](#)
- **Symphony No. 3 ~ Pyotr Tchaikovsky**

### **SUNDAY, October 11 at 3:00 pm**

Community Performance & Art Center (CPAC),  
1250 W. Continental Rd., Green Valley

Reserve your seat here: [CPAC website](#). Unclaimed seats are released 10 minutes before the concert starts, so arrive early!

- **The Cowboys Overture ~ John Williams**
- **Scherzo Fantastique ~ Joseph Suk**
- **Reverie for Horn & Orchestra ~ A. Glazunov** [Bill Winkelman](#)
- **Symphony No. 3 ~ Pyotr Tchaikovsky**

## Time for a Pop Quiz!

Can you put the composers on our October programs in chronological

**NUTCRACKER***Dancing in the Streets AZ***Sun., December 27 7pm**Temple of Music and Art  
(Ticketed Event)**32nd Annual Young Artists' Competition**  
**Saturday, January 30****BENEFIT CONCERT***for our Young Artists' Competition***Tues., February 2 7pm**The Highlands at Dove Mt.  
(Ticketed Event)**SPRING CONCERT****Sat., March 12 7pm**with Guest Soloist,  
Cellist Evan Drachman  
Crowder Hall, U of A**POPS CONCERTS****Sunday, April 17 3pm**Madera Clubhouse at  
Quail Creek  
(Ticketed Event)**Sunday, May 1 7pm****"Pops in the Park"**  
Reid Park, TucsonConcert and event details  
are subject to change.**Donate**Help us present free  
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order, starting with the earliest date of birth? (Answers below.)

**Alexander Glazunov****John Williams****Francis Poulenc****Josef Suk** (hint: he was a student of Dvorak and married his daughter)**Poyr I. Tchaikovsky**

## What was happening in 1975?

Most popular television program: *All in the Family*Oscar for Best Picture: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*Oscar for Best Film Score: *Jaws* (music by John Williams)

McDonalds opened its first drive-thru window -- in Sierra Vista, AZ

(This was because the Ft. Huachuca commanders didn't  
want their soldiers to be seen in public in uniform!)

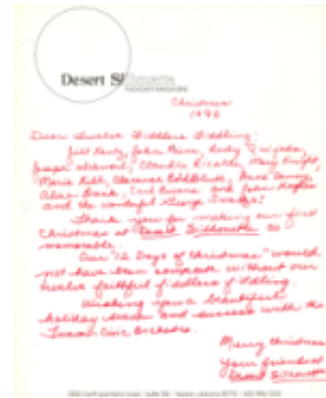
Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft -- in Albuquerque, NM

NBC aired the first *Saturday Night Live* with host George Carlin

The laser printer was invented.

### The Civic Orchestra of Tucson was founded!

And if you needed more proof of that last tidbit, here is the cover of the December 1975 issue of "Desert Silhouette". Apparently they gathered folks to pose as all the participants in "The 12 Days of Christmas." The COT provided the "12 Fiddlers Fiddling!" (You can just barely see them under the roof of the pagoda. A close-up is below.) The letter in red is a thank you note, dated Christmas 1975. It lists all the players and ends with "Wishing you a beautiful holiday season and success with the Tucson Civic Orchestra." It must have been one of our first appearances.



Click any image to enlarge it.

Thank you to **Jim Hentz**, our board member/accountant, for scanning these images. His mother, Jill Hentz, one of the 12 fiddlers, wrote the first check to start the COT in 1975. [Click to read more about Jill.](#)

## Remembering Ruthann Klimberg

The Civic Orchestra of Tucson is one big family. Over the summer, we

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were saddened to lose one of our longtime family members, violist Ruthann Klimberg. Her daughter, COT violinist Lori Fitzsimmons provided her story. [Read more about Ruthann on our website.](#)



Ruthann (shown with her daughter Lori) grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and started playing the violin at the age of 10. After moving to California, she played violin with the Sunnyvale Symphony Orchestra and violin/viola with the Pasadena Community Orchestra. After her husband retired from Jet Propulsion Lab in 1989, Ruthann and Joe moved to Tucson to be closer to family.

Ruthann joined the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, where her youngest daughter, Lori, is also a member.

Although family was her greatest source of love and joy, playing music with the Civic Orchestra of Tucson was a close second. Ruthann especially enjoyed rehearsing with the winners of the Young Artists' Competition, marveling at the extraordinary talent showcased every year.

Ruthann played with the Civic Orchestra of Tucson for 25 years, practicing every day until her 88th year. Ruthann passed away on June 28th, 2015, at age 89. In lieu of flowers, Ruthann's family is grateful for donations made to the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, P.O. Box 42764, Tucson, AZ 85733.

## Time to Re-enroll (or Enroll) at Fry's!



Many thanks to those of you who have enrolled your Fry's card in their Community Rewards program, which benefits the non-profit of your choice. Last year, we received nearly \$500 from Fry's, all because you signed up. It costs you nothing to enroll and to send donations our way.

Each year, Fry's asks participants to re-enroll, starting August 1.

If you want to enroll for the first time, or re-enroll, learn how on our website. [Click here to get all the details.](#)

## Answers to the Pop Quiz

In chronological order of birth year, the composers are:

**Tchaikovsky:** 1840-1893 (he composed Symphony No. 3 in 1875)

**Glazunov:** 1865-1936 (he composed the Reverie in 1890)

**Suk:** 1874-1935 (he composed the Scherzo Fantastique in 1903)

**Poulenc:** 1899-1963 (he composed the Organ Concerto in 1934-1938)

**Williams:** born 1932 (he composed the Cowboys Overture in 1972)

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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 40 years.

Sincerely,

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