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### Our Next Concerts

#### Holiday Suite

**Free Concert!**

**Saturday, Dec. 11**

Concert at 2:00 pm

Petting Zoo at 1:00 pm

Rio Vista Elem. School

1351 E. Limberlost Dr.

Tucson, AZ

#### Nutcracker Ballet

**Sunday, Dec. 26**

with [Dancing in the](#)

[Streets Arizona](#)

**Times:** 1:00 & 6:00 pm

**Tickets:** \$10 (advance),

\$12 (at the door),

through Dancing in the Streets Arizona.

Pima Comm. College

Proscenium Theater

2202 W. Anklam Rd.

Tucson, AZ

### Mark Your Calendars

#### Young Artists'

**Competition**

**February 5**

Dear Dorothy,

The holiday season has arrived. Celebrate it with music and dance at our upcoming concerts!

On **December 11**, we will present a **free** Holiday Suite concert featuring excerpts from *The Nutcracker* ballet along with pieces performed by string students at the Rio Vista Elementary School.

On **December 26**, we will once again provide the music for the complete Nutcracker Ballet, performed by Dancing in the Streets Arizona. Their [flyer](#) gives ticketing information.

Both our holiday events are great for the whole family!

## Free Holiday Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo

On **Saturday, December 11**, the COT will perform a **free** Holiday Suite Concert at Rio Vista Elementary School (1351 E. Limberlost Dr.) at **2:00 pm**. (Please note the time change from the last newsletter.)

On the orchestra's program are the following works:

It's Christmas Time, A Medley for Orchestra

From the Nutcracker Ballet by Tchaikovsky:  
Waltz of the Flowers ~ Pas de Deux ~ Finale

Christmas Concerto by Corelli  
Vivace ~ Allegro ~ Adagio ~ Vivace ~ Allegro ~ Largo (Pastorale)

Fantasia on Greensleeves by Vaughn Williams

Mock Morris by Percy Grainger

Christmas Singalong by J. Finnegan

The school's string students will perform several pieces with the orchestra and then sit among our musicians while we perform our pieces. What a wonderful opportunity for these young musicians to be part of an orchestra concert!

See story at right.

### **The Romantics**

#### **Free Concerts!**

**March 20** at 3:00 pm  
Tucson, AZ

**March 27** at 3:00 pm  
Green Valley, AZ

### **Pops Concert**

**April 17** at 3:00 pm

**Tickets:** TBA

Quail Creek (fundraiser)  
Green Valley, AZ

Other venues: TBA

### **Please Sponsor a Musician's Chair!**

For just \$25 you can sponsor the chair of one of our musicians. Your name will be listed in our programs this season and your donation will benefit the COT, enabling us to continue to present free concerts. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Help the COT offer free concerts for 35 more years!**

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the COT before the end of the year. 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](#).

Before the concert, at 1:00, we will hold an Instrument Petting Zoo so that audience members of all ages can try playing a musical instrument. Read more about our popular [Petting Zoos](#).

Our Holiday Concert is sure to be a fun and educational event for all ages!

## **Young Artists' Competition in Jeopardy**

We are hoping to be able to hold our annual Young Artists' Competition (YAC) on February 5. Last spring we lost the funding we had relied on for several years to cover the expenses of the competition. We have applied for other grants, but as of yet, none has chosen to fund our project. Because of the depressed economic times, general donations to our orchestra have also decreased.

Unless we find one or more sponsors for the competition by December 15, we will either radically change the way the competition operates or cancel it until we can find a sponsor.

If you know a business or organization that would be interested in sponsoring the YAC, please contact [Terry Sullivan](#) as soon as possible. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 from one or more sponsors so that we can hold the competition in the way we have in the past.

## **COT's New 35th Anniversary Logo on Gift Items**

Artist Sandy Darling has designed a new logo to honor the COT's 35th anniversary. This new logo has been printed on aprons (\$12), recycle grocery bags (\$5) and T-shirts (\$15-\$18) in various colors. These items will be available for sale at our December 11 concert. Please bring cash or a check as credit cards will not be accepted.



What a great holiday gift for your music-loving friends and relatives!

## **Conductor's Podium Has Stories to Tell**

In 2006 when the West Valley Symphony disbanded, they sold much of their equipment, decorations, and library to raise money to pay their bills. One of the items offered for sale was a podium that was commissioned by one patron of the orchestra and hand-crafted by another.

The COT purchased that podium and conductor's stand for our use. Frank Gastelum and I (Terry Sullivan) made the trek to Glendale to retrieve the podium. It was quite an adventure for the two of us, not realizing the massive size and weight of the packing cases that enshrined the two objects. The two large cases finally made it to the COT storage area and spend happy days there until a concert comes around. Before each concert, the COT's intrepid stage managers Ethan Beasley and Ralph

Janek truck them from the storage area to the concert.

One day at dinner I related the adventure of the podium to my mother. She was so impressed by the story of the two adventurers that she said that she wanted to pay for the cost of the podium, stand, trip to pick them up, and lunch for the two truckers. She wrote a check to COT for the full costs.

After a two year hiatus, the West Valley Symphony again resumed playing. The original donor wondered what happened to the podium, and if the original commemorative plaques were still on them. The donor wondered if she could get the brass plates back. The plates were removed, and I sent them back to the West Valley Symphony. A shadow box or similar display will be created and presented to the original donor, Helen Gumina. Frank Andrews was the artisan who created the two pieces. The original brass plates will be replaced by new ones remembering Carly Sullivan, who passed away in May.

At our next concert, you can take a look at the podium and remember its interesting history.

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Please support our orchestra this year. In addition to attending our free concerts, please consider an end-of-year, tax-deductible donation of any size to the COT. You can sponsor a musician's chair or make a general donation of any size using our [secure online donation page](#). Our costs are ever-increasing and because of the state of the economy, our donations have become fewer and smaller in size. Please help keep the COT going for another 35 years!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our December concerts. Be sure to forward this newsletter to your friends and relatives so they can join you at a concert.

Sincerely,

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