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421 N Arcadia Blvd, Tucson

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Tickets available at the
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"All-American Program"

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1017 N Olive Rd, Tucson

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25 W Calle Concordia
Oro Valley

Pops at Quail Creek

Sunday, April 21 3 PM

Madera Clubhouse
2055 E Quail Crossing

Dear Dorothy,

Your December newsletter is arriving in your Inbox a few days early. We wanted to remind you of our next free concert, coming up on Sunday. And, with the Nutcracker ballet, you can hear the Civic Orchestra of Tucson multiple times in December!

Upcoming Free Concert ~ December 2

Who: Civic Orchestra of Tucson, led by Dr. Herschel Kreloff,
with oboe soloist, Ed Hoornaert

What: "Musical Potpourri"

Where: Rincon High School, 421 N. Arcadia Blvd., Tucson

When: Sunday, December 2 at 3:00 pm

How much? Free!

Music Director Dr. Herschel Kreloff talks about the program:

"A suggestion of circus clowns, an allusion to ancient Turkish music, an imitation of flying insects, and a fantastic vision of water-carrying brooms -- these are the imaginative inventions of some of the great composers who will be featured at this concert.

"Come and hear the refreshing lightness and intrinsic humor of Haydn, Dukas, Vaughan Williams, and the Czech composer Julius Fučík. Add to these a beautiful Baroque oboe concerto and you have a concert for the whole family to enjoy."

Symphony No. 100 ("Military") ~ Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Overture to "The Wasps" ~ Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Oboe Concerto in C Minor ~ Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The Sorcerer's Apprentice ~ Paul Dukas (1865-1935)

Entry of the Gladiators ~ Julius Fučík (1872-1916)

[Read more](#) about these pieces and our oboe soloist, Ed Hoornaert.

Before the concert, orchestra members will perform light-hearted musical treats for audience members. Come early to hear a marimba duo and duets featuring double bass and tuba!

Our concerts continue to remain *free of charge*, but we encourage you to please consider a \$10 donation.

Green Valley
(ticketed event)

Pops in the Park

Free Concert

Sunday, May 5 7 PM

DeMeester Outdoor
Performance Center
Reid Park, Tucson

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Thank You!

On behalf of the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, I want to thank you for [coming to our concerts](#) during the past year, for [subscribing to our newsletter](#), and for your [generous donations](#).

Every dollar we receive goes to presenting our free concerts and supporting our youth outreach programs: [Musical Instrument Petting Zoos](#) and [Young Artists' Competition](#) (see story below).

Here are nine easy ways you can show your support for the COT before the end of the year:

- **Make a Tax-Deductible Donation***, either [online](#) or by mailing a check to the address at the end of the newsletter.
- **Sponsor a Musician*** (or section, conductor or entire concert)!
- Support the **Young Artists' Competition*** with a special donation.
- Become a **Business Sponsor***.
- **Donate a Vehicle** you no longer use to the COT.
- When you **shop online**, log onto your free account at [iGive](#) and select Civic Orchestra of Tucson to receive a small percentage of the amount you spend, donated to us by iGive.
- **Buy a T-shirt or recycle grocery bag** at our December 2 concert.
- **Recycle things you no longer need:** bring your used printer cartridges, cell phones, small electronics, and other [eligible items](#) to our December 2 concert and place them in the marked box.
- And, **most important of all**, please **come to our December 2 concert** and **invite your friends and neighbors** to join you. We often think that our free concerts are the best-kept secret in town!



* Those who contribute a total of \$120 or more during the year will be invited to a Donor Appreciation event in the spring.

Onward to the Nutcracker!

For the fourth year, the COT will provide live orchestral music to accompany the complete Nutcracker Ballet (or "Baile en el Cascanueces," as it is known in Spanish) presented by [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#).

Last year's performance was sold out, so this year there will be two performances, featuring different casts of young dancers.

When: Saturday, December 22 at 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 23 at 3:00 pm

Where: Fox Tucson Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Dancing in the Streets Arizona is a non-profit organization that uses the excitement and discipline of ballet to guide children in achieving life skills. The program's immediate success lies in the children's improved social interaction, family involvement, and responsiveness.

These dancers, primarily from South Tucson, are inspiring; their enthusiasm and commitment are contagious. We are honored to have been asked to again provide live orchestral music for their production.

Tickets start at \$13 and are available at the Fox Tucson Theatre website or at the theater box office (saving you the online processing fee).

We are told that more than one person who had planned to buy tickets to the Moscow Ballet's performance of the Nutcracker at the Fox Theatre just days before ours, changed their mind at the last minute. Upon learning that the Moscow Ballet would be using taped music and our performances featured a live orchestra, they purchased tickets to our Nutcracker!

Coming Soon: Our Young Artists' Competition!

Do you know a talented young musician? Perhaps that student would like to audition for an opportunity to perform a solo with the COT.

On Saturday, January 19, we will hold our 29th Annual Young Artists' Competition. The competition is divided into two age groups so that younger students can compete separately from older musicians. The Junior Division is open to students in Grade 8 and below. The Senior Division is for students in Grades 9-12. In each division, First and Second Place winners are selected by judges in three categories: Strings, Piano, and Winds/Percussion.

The competition offers students a good introduction to the audition process. Winners gain public exposure and are awarded cash prizes. The event provides each entrant a unique learning experience, and music teachers from both studios and schools applaud the orchestra for this contribution to the young musicians' development. To date, COT has hosted over 70 performances by students ranging from elementary to high-school age.

Registration forms must be postmarked by January 5, so entrants need to act soon. They must be prepared to perform a movement from a concerto for their instrument from the standard repertoire by memory. Two or more winners may be invited to perform their solos with the COT in future concerts.

For more information about the YAC, visit our website or contact Lee Oler, YAC Coordinator, by e-mail or telephone: 520-791-9246.

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.

We wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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