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2013-2014 Concerts

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"Gifts of Music" Free Concert

Saturday, December 7
[Leo Rich Theater](#), 260 S
Church Avenue, Tucson

Sunday, December 8
[Vistoso Community Church](#),
1200 E Rancho Vistoso
Blvd, Oro Valley

Nutcracker Ballet with [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#)

Saturday, December 14
Sunday, December 15
[Fox Tucson Theatre](#), 17 W
Congress Street, Tucson

Benefit Concert to Support our Young Artists' Competition

Tuesday, January 21
The Highlands at Dove Mt.
Ballroom, 4949 W Heritage
Blvd, Marana
Silent Auction: 6:30 pm
Concert: 7:30 pm
Tickets: \$20 ([buy now](#))

Dear Dorothy,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Civic Orchestra of Tucson.

To keep us performing free concerts for another 38 years, please don't forget the **four things** we need you to do before December 31!

1. Come to our Free December Concerts.

Our "Gifts of Music" concert is not to be missed!

This weekend we will be performing some of the most beloved music of all time. These pieces were all composed as gifts of music. Read all about them [on our website](#). See venue addresses at the left.

Saturday, **December 7 at 7 PM** at the Leo Rich Theater at the TCC
(see parking information below)

Sunday, **December 8 at 3 PM** at Vistoso Community Church, Oro Valley

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 ~ Johann Sebastian Bach, featuring:



Jeffri Sanders,
harpsichord



Emily Evans,
violin



Fran Moskovitz,
flute

Harpichordist Jeffri Sanders commented to us, "There are a lot of notes in this piece." He wasn't exaggerating! His first movement cadenza alone consists of 1,960 notes. That equates to his playing over 10 notes per second, on average, for over three minutes. Mr. Sanders plays an instrument made by Boston harpsichord builder Eric Herz.

The flute and violin soloists are featured in the first and last movements,

"Musique Française"

Free Concert

Saturday, March 15

Crowder Hall, U of A,
1017 N Olive Rd, Tucson

Sunday, March 16

Pima Community College
West Proscenium Theater

Pops Concerts

Sunday, April 27

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

Free Concert

Sunday, May 4 at 7 pm

Petting Zoo at 6 pm
Reid Park, Tucson

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to change.

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but truly get a chance to shine in the second movement, which is scored for just the three soloists.

Siegfried Idyll ~ Richard Wagner

A lovely birthday present to his wife, Cosima, performed in her house by a small orchestra to wake her up on Christmas morning.

Variations on a Shaker Melody ("Simple Gifts") ~ Aaron Copland

'Tis a Gift to be Simple, 'Tis a Gift to be Free: a melody that you will be humming long after the concert is over.

Symphony No. 5 ~ Ludwig van Beethoven

One of the greatest pieces of music ever written.

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**Parking Options for Leo Rich Theater:** The Leo Rich Theater is part of the Tucson Convention Center complex, and paid parking (\$8) is available in the TCC lots. However, there are many \$5 parking lots and garages in the area, as well as free parking on the street. La Placita Garage is the closest, but their elevator is broken and you must park on floors 3-5 (\$5). Also, the Hotel Arizona is closed, but its garage remains open (\$5).

**Great Gift Idea:** We still have a few sets of note cards left with photographs of sections of the Shakespeare window in Southwark Cathedral, London, taken by Music Director Herschel Kreloff. These note cards will be available at our December concerts. A set of five note cards and envelopes is \$15. All proceeds benefit the COT. [View them here.](#)

## 2. Buy tickets to our Benefit Concert.

Join us in our commitment to young musicians by attending our Benefit Concert. This exciting fundraising concert to support our Young Artists' Competition (YAC) will be held at The Highlands at Dove Mountain. We are calling this concert "Generations of Music" to celebrate both our inter-generational all-volunteer orchestra and the young guest artists.

**When:** Tuesday, January 21

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30 pm for the Silent Auction,  
Concert starts at 7:30 pm

**Where:** The Highlands at Dove Mountain Ballroom  
4949 W Heritage Blvd., Marana

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is co-sponsoring this special event along with two anonymous donors.

In addition to a Silent Auction, Door Prizes, delicious house-made cookies, and a Cash Bar, you will enjoy some of your favorite classical and popular music. [Click to view the program and Auction items.](#)

Nineteen year old cellist, composer, and two-time YAC winner **Clark Evans** (whose musical genes come from his mother Emily, our Concertmaster) has composed a cello concerto titled "To Move a Mountain." This piece will be performed by thirteen-year old and three-time YAC winner **Levi Powe**. Tucson Symphony cellist **Mary Beth**



Please register your Fry's V.I.P. card to support the COT!

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Do you have a car or other vehicle that you no longer use? Consider donating it to the Civic Orchestra.

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A Big Thank You to **Instrumental Music Center**

for donating instruments and supplies to our Petting Zoo!

New to our Zoo is a brand-new 1/4-size double bass, donated by IMC.

**Tyndall** will conduct this world premiere. She has been involved in the piece since its inception and is the cello teacher of both boys.

To see a list of the pieces that we will play and the growing list of donated items for our Silent Auction, which includes a 5-day stay at a villa in the wine country of Argentina, please [visit our website](#).

Because this special concert is a fundraiser for our Young Artists' Competition, it is a ticketed event. Tickets are just \$20 and you can purchase them by clicking on the ticket at [our website](#) or by calling COT's General Manager, Bob Kovitz, at 520-730-3371.

We can now accept major credit cards for ticket purchases, on-site donations, and Silent Auction winning bids!

### 3. Please send an end-of-year gift to us.



Our concerts are free and we want to keep them that way. This means that we depend on *your* support to cover our many expenses:

- rent for appropriate space to rehearse and perform
- rental or purchase of the music we play
- our [Musical Instrument Petting Zoos](#)
- our annual [Young Artists' Competition](#)
- printing, postage, insurance and other operational expenses

The all-volunteer Civic Orchestra of Tucson is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your gift to us is tax-deductible. Our Tax ID number is 86-0322012.

Don't forget that donors who contribute \$120 or more to us during the year are invited to a special Donor Appreciation Event in the spring. Patrons who contribute \$240 or more are invited to attend the Young Artists' Competition. For all the benefits, [please visit our website](#).

If you like what we do and wish to support us, please [donate online](#) at our secure website or call 520-730-3371.

Any amount is appreciated. We couldn't do it without you.

### 4. Come to our Nutcracker performance!

In the midst of rehearsing for our December concerts, many of us are also getting ready to perform live orchestral music for two performances of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet the following weekend! What a busy month we have.

This is our fifth annual collaboration with [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#), a South Tucson-based non-profit. Not only do their 100+ students learn ballet, but also important life skills. We are pleased to partner with this great organization.

Performances are at the Fox Tucson Theatre at 17 W Congress Street:

Saturday, **December 14** at **7 PM**

Sunday, **December 15** at **3 PM**

Our conductor for these performances will again be [Ace Edwards](#).

Tickets start at just \$13 are available at the Fox Theatre box office or [online](#).

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We wish you and your loved ones a safe and harmonious holiday season. With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts in the Tucson area for another 38 years.

Sincerely,

**Dorothy Fitch**

President, Board of Directors

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