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## COT News ~ December 2014

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The Nutcracker Ballet, with  
Dancing in the Streets AZ  
Temple of Music and Art  
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**Tuesday, January 27**

Benefit Concert for our  
Young Artists' Competition  
The Highlands at Dove Mt.  
(ticketed event)  
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Dear Dorothy,

What a busy month December is for the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, and likely for you as well. One of our musicians pointed out that those playing in the Nutcracker with Dancing in the Streets (see below) have concerts or rehearsals every Sunday in December, and that doesn't count our regular Tuesday rehearsals and an extra Nutcracker rehearsal or two!

Be sure to come to one of our December concerts, starting [this weekend](#). You'll be glad you did!

## Which Concert Will You Attend?

Two polkas, two waltzes, a march, and Act II of the Nutcracker Ballet (minus dancers). This is what you will be treated to at our December concerts. [Read more about this concert](#) on our website.

Remember that these concerts are free. Please tell your friends and family and make it a special event for all of you to attend together. Pick the venue that is most convenient to you.

**Sunday, December 7** at 3:00 pm ~ Vistoso Community Church  
1200 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley [Directions](#) | [Map](#)  
(Come early to get a seat. This concert was "sold out" in 2013!)

**Sunday, December 14** at 3:00 pm ~ Christ Church United Methodist  
655 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson [Directions](#) | [Map](#)

The concert at Christ Church United Methodist will be dedicated to the memory of **Bill Kundrat**, a long-time member of the COT who passed away in July 2013. He was an active member of this church, and his wife still is. [Read more about Bill Kundrat.](#)

If you have any used printer cartridges, please bring them to either concert. We participate in the eScrip Recycling program and get small amounts of cash for cartridges and other small electronics we send in ([see list here](#)). Thanks!



## Benefit Concert ~ Tuesday, January 27

The date for our second annual fundraising concert to benefit our [Young Artists' Competition](#) has changed, due to circumstances beyond our

**Saturday, February 14**  
**Young Artists' Competition**  
Center for the Arts Recital  
Hall, Pima Community  
College West Campus  
[Click for details.](#)

**Saturday, March 14**  
Crowder Hall, UA

**Sunday, March 15**  
PCC Center for the Arts

**Sunday, April 26**  
**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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control. The new date is Tuesday, January 27, 2015. The place is the same: The Ballroom at The Highlands at Dove Mountain in Marana.

**When:** Tuesday, January 27

**Where:** The Highlands at Dove Mt, 4949 W Heritage Blvd, Marana

**Cost:** \$20 per ticket ([available by credit card here](#), or call 520-730-3371)

**Time:** Silent Auction begins at 6:30 pm; concert starts at 7:00 pm

This year's concert will feature a very special treat: a performance by three past competition winners: very talented siblings who play together as **The Powe String Trio**.



You may recall that cellist Levi Powe performed a world premiere composed by another former winner, Clark Evans, at last year's fundraising concert. We are pleased to welcome **The Powe String Trio** at this year's special event.

Over the years, the [Young Artists' Competition](#) has encouraged over 500 young musicians to develop their musical skills and given them an opportunity to compete for cash prizes and an opportunity to perform a solo with our orchestra. You will hear some of the winners of our 31st competition at our Pops concerts this spring. Donors of \$250 or more will receive an invitation to attend this year's competition on February 14.

[Read more about this concert](#), the Powe String Trio, and the growing list of silent auction items.

Tickets are limited, so [buy yours](#) today!

## Nutcracker Ballet, with Live Music!

For the **sixth** consecutive year, the COT is partnering with [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#) by providing live orchestral music for their complete production of The Nutcracker Ballet by Tchaikovsky. If you have never been to these amazing performances, consider going this year. The dancers range from preschoolers to very talented teens, and typically, professional dancers perform major roles. The costumes and sets are first-rate. The orchestra will this year, for the first time, feature two harpists! This is a production not to be missed!

**Tickets are now available** (from Dancing in the Streets) for the two performances: **December 27 at 7 pm and 28 at 3 pm** at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S Scott Avenue, Tucson

## Reminder: Good Eats at Lotus Garden!



**Lotus Garden** restaurant, located at 5975 E Speedway ([map](#)) is a good friend of the Civic Orchestra of Tucson. They have agreed to donate back to the COT 10% of the bill of each audience member who attends our



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December 14 concert, then dines at Lotus Garden. The December 14 concert at 655 N Craycroft is just minutes away from Lotus Garden. Just **show your concert program** when you arrive so that they know you wish to support the COT. Call 520-298-3351 to make reservations, if you wish.

**Thank you, Lotus Garden!**

## Smile.Amazon and iGive

Just a reminder to support the COT when you shop online this holiday season.

Log on to your Amazon account at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Choose Civic Orchestra of Tucson Association as the charity you wish to support. The COT will receive .5% of what you spend. Thank you, Amazon!

Create a free account at [iGive.com](http://iGive.com). In Settings, choose Civic Orchestra of Tucson as the cause you wish to support. You can shop at a wide array of popular online stores to help the COT.

## Giving Tuesday



The hectic days following Thanksgiving mark the beginning of the holiday shopping season. You have no doubt heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. But have you heard of **Giving Tuesday**? Founded in 2012 by New York's 92nd Street Y in partnership with the United Nations Foundation, Giving Tuesday celebrates generosity and giving back. [Read more...](#)

We thank all of you who have already donated to the COT this year. If you have intended to do so, but have not yet taken the step, perhaps this is the time to consider a tax-deductible, year-end gift to support our free concerts and young musician programs. [Click here to make a gift now.](#)

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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 39 years.

Sincerely,

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