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Upcoming Events

2015-2016

Our 40th Season!

**Herschel Kreloff,
Music Director**

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

DECEMBER CONCERTS

Sat., December 5 5pm

Musical Instrument Petting
Zoo at 4
Baboquivari High School
Sells

Sun., December 6 3pm

Vistoso Community
Church, Oro Valley

NUTCRACKER

Dancing in the Streets AZ

Sun., December 27 3pm

Temple of Music and Art
(Ticketed Event)

32nd Annual Young

Dear Dorothy,

It's hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through our 40th Season. During December, the orchestra is busy rehearsing for two more free concerts coming up **this weekend** and our **seventh** annual production of The Nutcracker with [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#). We hope to see you there. (Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors!)

Our Free December Concerts Music of Stories, Legends and Fairy Tales

On **Saturday, December 5**, we will perform a free concert at Baboquivari High School, 8 miles south of Sells, at 5:00 pm, with a Musical Instrument Petting Zoo at 4:00 pm. Many thanks to the **Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise** for supporting us with a grant to fund this concert.

On **Sunday, December 6**, we will perform the same concert at 3:00 pm at the Vistoso Community Church, 1200 E Rancho Vistoso Blvd in Oro Valley. [Click here for directions and a map.](#)

[Click to read more](#) about these pieces on our program.

Prelude to Act 3 of Lohengrin
by Richard Wagner

The Noon Witch
by Antonin Dvořák

* **Peer Gynt Suite**
by Edvard Grieg

Prelude to Hansel and Gretel
by Engelbert Humperdinck

Mother Goose Suite
by Maurice Ravel

* **Sleigh Ride**
by Leroy Anderson

Civic Orchestra of Tucson
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*Music of Stories,
Legends and Fairy Tales*



Artists' Competition
Saturday, January 30



* led by Guest Conductor, **Taylor Mitchell**

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, Tucson

Concert and event details
are subject to change.



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Update Your Fashion Wardrobe!

Every five years, we celebrate the anniversary of the orchestra with a commemorative t-shirt. This is our 40th season! Local artist **Sandy Darling** created the design, also featured on our program cover. Thank you, Sandy, for your amazing creativity and talent! You'll love the quail detail (right image) for the cello's f-holes.



COT T-shirts will be available at all our concerts, starting with our December 6 concert in Oro Valley (while they last). Choose your color and size, then use cash, check or credit card to make your purchase.

Short-sleeved T-shirts, all colors, all sizes: \$15
Long-sleeved T-shirts, all colors, all sizes: \$18

Hats (\$15) will also be available. One size fits all. (Purple is sold out!)



COT merchandise makes a perfect gift for your music-loving friends and relatives. They can help us spread the word about the Civic Orchestra of Tucson!

Where Are They Now, Part 2? (Our Young Artists' Competition Competitors)

What are the young musicians who have participated in our Young Artists' Competition doing now? We asked them to tell us! In Part 2 of this series, we hear from **Jacqueline Rodenbeck**. She tied for 2nd Place in the Junior Strings Division in 2015. As a first grader, she was one of our youngest competitors. Here is her story.



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"This is Jacqueline Rodenbeck. I am writing you from my email. My mom is helping me to write this email. I am in second grade at Casas Christian School. My favorite subjects are math, reading, and science. I am in an accelerated program so I am taking fourth grade math and reading at seventh grade level. I love it.

I still take violin classes with Ms. Anna Gendler at the Tucson Symphony Woman Association, and I started to learn piano, I love it. I am also taking a composition class on Saturday's with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra - Young Composers- program.



I love to swim and to spend time with my one year old baby sister, Sophia. I rock climb in the weekends with my dad. Here are a couple of pictures with my teacher Anna.

Over the summer, I took violin classes, music theory classes and ensemble at the Tucson Summer Music Program. It was fun.

I am looking forward to more competitions."

~ from **Jacqueline Rodenbeck**

We hope to see Jacqueline again this year at our 32nd Annual Young Artists' Competition, which will be held on Saturday, January 30. If you know any young musicians who should enter our competition for a chance to earn a cash prize and an opportunity to perform a solo with our orchestra, have them visit our [YAC webpage](#) for all the details.

Fundraising Concert Details!

And speaking of past Young Artists' Competition winners and where they are now...we are delighted that violinist **Sanem Reinhardt**, 2nd Place winner in the 2015 Senior Strings Division, will perform **Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso** by Camille Saint-Saëns at our upcoming Fundraising Concert on February 2, 2016. She performed the first movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto at our Reid Park Concert in May, having played the violin for less than two years! We can't wait to hear her again.

This event, our third annual fundraiser, benefits our [Young Artists' Competition](#). Tickets for this fun evening are just \$20, complete with a Silent Auction and Concert with the full orchestra. [Click for all the details.](#)

Our 2016 Young Artists' Competition takes place just three days before this concert. This year, for the first time, the Competition will include an **Ensemble** category. We hope to showcase one of the ensembles at our February 3 concert, but we won't know for sure until just before the concert day, so stay tuned! Here are the key details for your calendar.

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Where: The Highlands at Dove Mountain Ballroom

Address: 4949 W Heritage Blvd, Marana [Directions and map](#)

Time: Silent Auction - 6:30 pm Concert - 7:00 pm

Cost: Tickets are \$20 each.

[Click to read more about the concert.](#) [Click the blue ticket on that web](#)

page to purchase your ticket now. Seating is limited, so don't wait!

It's Not Too Late...

...to make a 2015 tax-deductible donation to the Civic Orchestra of Tucson. Perhaps you have been thinking about doing it. Now is the time!

IRS Tips for Making an End-of-Year Charitable Donation

- Use a credit card before the end of 2015: you can charge your donation securely on our website using PayPal -- PayPal account not needed -- or by calling 520-730-3371.
- Write a check made out to **Civic Orchestra of Tucson**, but be sure to mail it in 2015, with a 2015 postmark. Because most of our mail now gets postmarked in Phoenix, you can ask the clerk at your local post office to hand-cancel it with the current date.

Purchases of t-shirts, hats, Silent Auction items, Fundraising or Pops concert tickets, and raffle tickets are not tax-deductible. All other contributions are fully deductible.

Keep the Thank You note that we send you as proof of your donation. It will include your name, address, and amount and date of your gift.

Thank you for your support, and have a Happy New Year!

What was happening in 1975, Part 5

A first-class postage stamp cost \$.10.

A Hershey's Chocolate Bar (1.05 oz) cost \$.15.

All in the Family was the most popular television show.

The game show *Wheel of Fortune* premiered.

Born in 1975:

Angelina Jolie, Bradley Cooper, Tiger Woods, Drew Barrymore

Died in 1975:

Dmitri Shostakovich, Rod Serling, Aristotle Onassis, Jimmy Hoffa(?)

*and also in 1975, **The Civic Orchestra of Tucson was founded!***

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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