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Our Next Concerts

The Romantics Free Concerts!

Sunday, March 20
3:00 pm
Crowder Hall, U. of AZ
1717 E. Speedway
Tucson, AZ

Sunday, March 27
3:00 pm
Community Performing
Arts Center
1250 W. Continental
Green Valley, AZ

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**Pops Concert**  
**Sunday, April 17**  
3:00 pm  
**Tickets: \$15**  
Quail Creek fundraiser  
Green Valley, AZ

**Pops in the Park**  
**Sunday, May 1 Free!**  
7:00 pm  
Reid Park, Tucson

Dear Dorothy,

We are excited to announce the winners of our Young Artists' Competition, held on Saturday! Read more below.

Get ready for our March concerts by sharing this e-mail with your friends so they can join you!

We continue to spotlight our orchestra members. Our volunteer orchestra is filled with talented and dedicated musicians, as you can see.

### Young Artists' Competition Winners

by Lee Oler, Chair of the Young Artists' Competition

I am pleased to announce the results of our 27th annual Young Artists' Competition, held on February 5. This year's competition, with 26 entries, was sponsored by Dr. Kenneth L. Parkhurst. We are very grateful for his generosity.

#### Junior Division

Junior Winds: No Junior Winds

Junior Piano:

1st Place: Brady Lytle (age 12)

2nd Place: Connie Guan (age 12)

Junior Strings:

1st Place: Lucas Buterbaugh (age 13), cello

2nd Place: Keoni Bolding (age 13), violin

Honorable Mention: Joseph Turner, violin

#### Senior Division

Senior Winds (no 1st Place):

2nd Place TIE:

Reena Debray (age 14), flute

Kelly Flynn (age 12) & Paige Shepperd (age 17), flute duet

Senior Piano:

1st Place: Shantell Petty (age 16)

2nd Place: Chris Xu (age 16)

Senior Strings:

1st Place: Sara Page (age 16), cello

2nd Place TIE:

Ben Nead (age 15), cello & Dallas Carpenter (age 15), string bass

### **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 this spring. 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](#).

[Click](#) to see the pieces that the musicians performed at their auditions.

Judges this year were:

Piano: Jose Solarzano and Susan Aceto

Winds: Fran Moskowitz and Lee Oler

Strings: Fran Veres and Xiao-Dan Zheng

Many orchestra members and friends contribute to the enduring success of the Young Artists' Competition. For several years Elaine Walter has prepared the adjudication sheets and Fred Hughes has prepared the participation certificates. Barbara Freischlad did the scheduling and other prep and follow-up. Terry Sullivan collected the registration forms and Emily Evans baked lots and lots of wonderful tasting cookies.

On the day of the competition Robert Villa stepped up to run the camcorder, Carol Masuda and Megan McAndrew took care of the check-in table, and Barbara Freischlad did all sorts of essential tasks. Fran Moskowitz and I judged the winds. Our Artistic Director, Herschel Kreloff, is the cheerleader and optimist.

You can look forward to hearing one or more of these winners at future COT concerts!

## **"Romantics" ~ Free Concerts in March**

Our March concerts will feature music from the Romantic period. Romantic music, composed during the 1800s, is filled with beautiful melodies, lush harmonies, expressive tone colors, and the passion of their composers.

On our program are:

**Symphony No. 1** by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

**Overture in C** by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Cello Concerto No. 1** by Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)  
featuring **Clark Evans**, COT Young Artists' Competition  
Junior Division winner in 2008

Forward this e-mail to your friends so that they can join you at one of our free concerts in March. See the locations at the left.

Tucson ~ Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Green Valley ~ Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 pm

## Meet Ethan Beasley, Violinist and Stage Manager

I'm Ethan Beasley. I play in the second violin section and also serve as one of the COT Stage Managers. In that capacity, I set up chairs and transport equipment for our rehearsals and concerts.



I am originally from Lansing, Michigan. I attended the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), where I played in the Campus Orchestra for three years. From 1993 to 1995, I lived in Prague, Czech Republic, where I taught English as a foreign language in a high school. I've lived in Tucson since July 2000, teaching First Grade at Rio Vista Elementary School, in the Amphitheater School District. I arrange for the orchestra's annual holiday concert at the school each December.

I am an avid bird-watcher and fell in love with Tucson on a birding trip I took to Southeastern Arizona from Michigan in 1999. I enjoy birding here in SE Arizona and have taken birding trips to Mexico, Central America and, in 2010, to Ecuador. I am also a birding field trip leader for the Tucson Audubon Society.

This is my tenth season with the Civic Orchestra of Tucson. I've been a stage manager for 10 years and have served on the COT Board of Directors for nine years. The COT has brought a great deal of beauty and pleasure into my life, and I look forward to playing with this group for many more years to come!

## Drumming Up Support!

Barbara Freischlad, our intrepid timpanist, tells us that the COT's timpani (kettle drums) need new heads (the part she strikes). Alas, timpani heads were not in our budget this year. We need to find \$270 to pay for them; they cost \$90 each and we have timpani in three different sizes.

If you or anyone you know would like to help pay for new timpani heads, we would be extremely grateful. You can make a [secure donation online](#) or send your check (in any amount) to:

Civic Orchestra of Tucson  
P.O. Box 42764  
Tucson, AZ 85733

The first movement of the Brahms symphony we will play in March will sound so much better with new timpani heads! Come to our concert to hear for yourself.

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We are excited about our upcoming concerts and hope you will be able to come to one of them. In addition to attending our concerts, you can support our orchestra by sponsoring a musician's chair or making a donation of any size using our [secure online donation page](#). Please help keep the COT going--and performing free concerts--for another 35 years!

Sincerely,

**Terry Sullivan**  
General Manager  
Civic Orchestra of Tucson  
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