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Saturday concerts at 7 PM
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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](#))

"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

Dear Dorothy,

Happy New Year from the Civic Orchestra of Tucson!

We hope you were able to attend one of our December concerts. We had a completely full house at the Vistoso Community Church and we thank the church for helping make our concert a success. We also love performing in the Leo Rich Theater. Perhaps you heard us play there.

And, major kudos to 29 of our musicians who rehearsed three evenings, then performed two complete performances of the Nutcracker Ballet with Dancing in the Streets Arizona on December 14&15, all occurring within a week of our December 7&8 concerts! December was a very busy month!

Our Next Concert is a Special Event!

We don't usually ask you to purchase a ticket to one of our concerts, so this is an exception. However, we think you will love the concert and bid generously on the Silent Auction items because you know it is for a good cause. What is the cause? Our Young Artists' Competition (YAC).

Because the COT is committed to encouraging young musicians, we sponsor a Young Artists' Competition each year. This year will be our 30th Annual YAC! Think of the hundreds of young musicians who have had an opportunity to learn firsthand about the audition process, performing for judges and receiving their feedback. They compete for cash prizes in three divisions and two age groups. One or more winners are invited to perform a solo with the orchestra at our Pops concerts.

Please help us support young musicians by attending our special event.

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 Clubhouse Ballroom
4949 W Heritage Blvd., Marana

>> [Click for directions and a map.](#)

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In addition to enjoying a Silent Auction with some spectacular items, door prizes, delicious house-made cookies, and a cash bar, you will hear some of your favorite classical and popular pieces. To see the concert program and list of donated Silent Auction items, please [visit our website](#).

Tickets are just \$20 and you can purchase them by clicking on the big blue ticket at [our website](#) or by calling 520-730-3371.

Bring your checkbook or credit card to the event. We can now accept major credit cards for on-site donations and Silent Auction winning bids!

## About Our Soloists

We are very excited to perform a World Premiere at our January 21 fundraiser concert. Cellist, composer, and two-time YAC winner **Clark Evans** (whose musical genes come from his mother Emily, our Concertmaster) has composed a cello concerto that will be performed by three-time YAC winner **Levi Powe**. Tucson Symphony Orchestra cellist **Mary Beth Tyndall** will conduct. She has been involved in the piece since its inception and is the cello teacher of both boys.

### Clark Evans

Throughout his life, Clark Evans has explored many facets of the world of music. As a performer, he has been a part of many ensembles as cellist or pianist, competed as a soloist on both instruments, and taught a number of students. As a composer, he has had the privilege of seeing many of his original works performed throughout the country. In past years, he has received the awards of finalist and honorable mention in the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Competition. While studying cello performance at Brigham Young University, Evans set apart personal life and ambitions to serve two years as a full-time missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Dallas, Texas. While he is unable to return to Tucson for this performance, he extends his gratitude and appreciation to the COT for the work and time they have spent preparing to perform *To Move a Mountain*, the newest of his compositions, and the last completed prior to his mission. This piece was a gift to his former cello instructor, Mary Beth Tyndall, who conducts this performance.



[Read more about Clark Evans on our website.](#)

### Levi Powe

Levi Powe, age 13, started playing cello with the Suzuki method when he was 3 ½ years old, and is currently studying with Tucson Symphony Orchestra Assistant Principal Cellist Mary Beth Tyndall. Levi has won several competitions, including the Tucson Symphony Young Artist Competition, the Southern AZ Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition, and the COT's Young Artists' Competition. Levi plays in a string trio with his two sisters, who are both violinists. They have performed for numerous events, churches and



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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.

organizations, such as the United States Air Force, the Tucson Symphony's Just For Kids concerts, and many others. Levi is currently in his third year as a participant of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra's Young Composer Project. Levi is homeschooled, and is in 8th grade. He is a purple belt in karate, enjoys fishing and hunting, and is an avid reader. [Read more about Levi Powe on our website.](#)

## About "To Move a Mountain"

article by [Mary Beth Tyndall](#), Guest Conductor of this world premiere

Over the years many of my private cello students have participated in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra Young Composers Project. I often have suggested they write a piece featuring the cello, one that my other students can play. At our holiday cello choir concert in December of 2012 Clark Evans, then a freshman at Brigham Young University, handed me a folder decorated with cute dogs that I thought was my Christmas gift. I didn't think there was anything inside it! He said, "You must open this now!" When I did, I was thrilled to find *To Move a Mountain*, a cello work that he had composed in only three days.



In the following months Clark and I spent several enjoyable hours together polishing the piece. [Click to read the rest of the story about this piece...](#)

## Support the COT when you Shop at Fry's -- It's Working!

In September we told you how the COT could potentially raise some money if Fry's shoppers registered their V.I.P. cards to support us. We really weren't expecting much from this program, but we got a very pleasant surprise when we were notified that our first quarterly check would be for a little over \$170. And only a dozen or so people had registered their cards!

We are asking you again to please register your Fry's card, if you haven't already done so. The process only takes 10 minutes. [Quick instructions are on our website.](#) If you want more detailed instructions, check out our step-by-step guide with screenshots and all the details you need to know. (Our testers said it was very easy to follow!) [Follow this link to download the detailed instructions.](#)

If you register your card and mention this program to at least one friend or neighbor, the COT can raise some significant money this way. Just think: If we multiple the number of participants by 5, we could receive nearly \$3,500 from Fry's each year. That would be incredible. Thank you for helping us meet this goal! And thank you, Fry's!

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We wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2014. With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts (and the rare ticketed event) in the Tucson area for another 38 years.

Sincerely,

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