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#### **Sunday, March 15**

PCC Center for the Arts

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#### **Sunday, April 26**

Pops at Quail Creek  
(ticketed event)  
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Sunday, May 3

Pops in the Park ~ Free!
Petting Zoo at 6 pm

Dear Dorothy,

Happy New Year!

Make a resolution to come to more of our concerts. We love having you in our audience. Please let your family and friends know about our free concerts so that they can enjoy them, too!

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Special Benefit Concert ~ January 27

Our next event is our second annual fundraising concert to benefit our [Young Artists' Competition](#). We hope you will come and support the young musicians who work so hard to reach their high levels of musical achievement. Several of this year's competition winners will be invited to perform with the COT at our Pops Concerts this spring.

Concert Details

When: Tuesday, January 27, 2015

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



Powe String Trio

Carissa (age 15), violin ~ Levi (age 14), cello ~ Aliyah (age 13), violin

[Read the bios of the members of the Powe String Trio.](#)

Concert at 7 pm

Concert details are subject to change.

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Three of our past competition winners are very talented siblings who play together as the **[Powe String Trio](#)**. They will perform the following pieces before and during our concert:

Concerto Grosso in G minor (Christmas Concerto) by Arcangelo Corelli
London Trio No. 1 in C major by Franz Joseph Haydn
String Trio in G minor by Aleksandr Borodin

Over the years, the **[Young Artists' Competition](#)** has encouraged over 500 musicians to develop their musical skills and has given them the opportunity to compete for cash prizes and be invited to perform a solo with our orchestra.

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

Tickets are limited, so don't delay...**[buy yours](#)** today!

Inside the Young Artists' Competition

The COT's **[Young Artists' Competition](#)**, which we started in 1984, was the first event of its kind in Tucson that allowed students younger than college age to compete. Younger musicians had no opportunity to win and perform with an orchestra.

Have you wondered what happens at our Young Artists' Competition?

- Music students register in advance in either the Junior Division (Grade 8 and younger) or the Senior Division (Grades 9-12).
- They audition in one of three categories: Piano, Strings, and Winds/Percussion.
- Each entrant must provide an accompanist. In the case of the Piano category, another pianist (on a second piano) provides the orchestral accompaniment.
- Each audition is videotaped for the sole use of the Music Director to review later if that musician is selected to perform with the COT.
- All entrants receive a Certificate of Participation.
- A panel of judges gives written notes to all entrants about their performance to help them improve.
- In each category, first place and second place winners are chosen. Each winner receives a cash award ranging from \$100 to \$300, depending on the division and placement.
- Results of the competition appear on the COT website within hours of the end of the competition.

Music Director Herschel Kreloff invites one or more of the winners to perform at our Pops concerts in the spring.

If you know of a talented musician, please send them to our **[website](#)** to learn how to participate in our Young Artists' Competition.

To support our Young Artists' Competition, we encourage you to **[buy a ticket](#)** to our fundraising concert (see above), where you can see for yourself the amazing talent that these young musicians demonstrate. It's a great opportunity to hear some of the music students we have encouraged and to hear the full Civic Orchestra of Tucson as well. You can also make a donation that will directly support the competition **[here](#)**.

Would you like to attend the Young Artists' Competition this year on February 14? One of the donor benefits at the Patron level (\$250 or more) is an invitation to the competition. It's a remarkable event to experience!

Fry's Shoppers Can Support the COT



Do you shop at Fry's or another Kroger supermarket somewhere in the U.S.? Just register your Fry's V.I.P. card to support the COT. We have been surprised at the size of the checks we have received from Fry's each quarter. In 2014, we received a total of \$496. We would like to double the number of supporters this year.

Why not take a few moments to register your card to support the COT? Also, if you haven't chosen to support the COT since August, you will need to do it again to keep your support active.

Visit the Fry's website and create an online account, if you don't already have one. When you are logged in, click on the word **Community** at the top of the screen, then click **Community Rewards**. Follow the directions to support the COT in this program. Thank you!

Don't forget that on the first Wednesday of each month (**Senior Day**) Fry's offers customers 55 and older a 10% discount on everything they buy. Register for this program at the Customer Service desk with your Fry's V.I.P. card and proof of age. The next **Senior Day** is **January 7!**

When is a Baguette not a Loaf of Bread?

My husband and I like to listen to [Radio Swiss Classic](#), streaming over the Internet. They play classical music all day (and night) with no ads, just periodic announcements of what they are playing, which you can choose to hear in French, German, or Italian. We practice our French by listening to the French stream.

Lately, they have started using the word "baguette" during their announcements, either "à la baguette" or "sur la baguette". We were very curious as to how a loaf of bread figured into these pieces. [Google Translate](#) to the rescue!

We learned that although the primary meaning of "baguette" is "rod" or "stick," it can mean a loaf of bread, chopsticks, pointer, wand, or ... voilà! ... a **conductor's baton!**

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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