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Upcoming Event

Musical Magic for Kids

**Free Event at 10 am
at the Oro Valley
Council Chambers
11000 N. La Canada**

**Saturday, July 6
Evans Family Musical
Merriment!**

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Dear Dorothy,

Summer isn't our busiest season, but we have some interesting information to share with you this month.

Check out the **Evans Family Musical Merriment** program on Saturday, July 6, in Oro Valley. It's one of the "Musical Magic for Kids" events sponsored by SAACA. See the listing at the left for details.

We are working on a few last details of our 2013-2014 concert season. As dates, times, and venues are finalized, we will post them on our website. Stay tuned! [Click to see the current schedule information.](#)

How do Arts Organizations Impact Arizona?

The [AZ Commission on the Arts](#) has just released a report on how arts and culture are impacting Arizona lives and economies. You may be surprised, or perhaps not, that for the last two fiscal years, Arizona has ranked 50th in the nation in per capita state appropriations for arts and culture. (Read the last story below to see how that statistic might improve.)

Our orchestra has submitted copious amounts of data through the [Cultural Data Project](#), which started in Arizona in 2011. We provide information about what we do, where our funding comes from, how many programs we offer, how many people we impact, how many volunteer hours we serve, and so on. Participation in this project is required in order to apply for many grant opportunities.

Our orchestra's information, along with that of 218 other organizations, is incorporated into the aggregate data in this report.

[Click here to view the report.](#)

TPAC Announces its 2013 Lumies Awards

On June 7, the Tucson Pima Arts Council announced its annual Lumie Awards. Among the 2013 recipients are some good friends of the COT.

- *Emerging Arts Organization Award: Dancing in the Streets AZ*
- *Arts Educator Award: Dennis Bourret, Tucson Junior Strings and Joseph Rodgers, Dancing in the Streets AZ*

concerts in the Tucson area for 37 more years!

Thank you!



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- *Large Business Partner Award:* **Bookmans**

We look forward to playing The Nutcracker with **Dancing in the Streets AZ** again in December. This will be the fourth year of our collaboration! Congrats to **Joseph Rodgers** for also receiving an Arts Educator Lumie.

Dennis Bourret does a great job encouraging young string players as Director of Tucson Junior Strings. A number of our Young Artists' Competition winners got their start in his program.

Bookmans has supported the orchestra by sponsoring a series of our Musical Instrument Petting Zoos in June each year.

Congratulations to these and all the winners of this award!

[Click here](#) to see a complete list of all the 2013 Lumie Award Recipients.

Santa Cruz Summer Winds Presents 7/3 Concert

Do you miss hearing live music during the summer? If so, you can hear several COT members (plus many more musicians) performing in a special afternoon concert on Wednesday, July 3.

COT bassoonist **April Delgado** has organized a new concert band, the Santa Cruz Summer Winds, which has been rehearsing since May in Green Valley. Many of its members play in the Green Valley Concert Band during the winter, and April invited other musicians to join in to perform a summer concert. So, 5 or 6 COT members have been keeping busy this summer playing in this new group.

In celebration of Independence Day, the Santa Cruz Summer Winds (SCSW) will perform a program featuring patriotic tunes and marches. Also on the program are hit tunes from Mary Poppins and Pirates of the Caribbean, Bugler's Holiday by Leroy Anderson, Chester Overture by William Schumann, and Folk Song Suite by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Included in the festivities is an old-fashioned ice cream social.

The conductor of the SCSW is **Kevin Holzman**, who directs the UA Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band. Assistant Conductor **Erin Hepler** teaches music in the San Manuel School District.

When: Wednesday, July 3 at 3:00 pm (ice cream social starts at 2:00)

Where: Community Performance and Arts Center,
1250 W Continental Rd, Green Valley

Tickets: \$10, \$15, \$20

Purchase tickets online at the [CPAC website](#) or at the door.

[Visit the Santa Cruz Summer Winds Facebook page.](#)

More Funding for AZ Commission on the Arts

Governor Jan Brewer did the right thing on June 17 when she signed into law a budget that includes additional one-time allocations to the Arizona Commission on the Arts and also the Arizona State Parks. The allocations are included in an amendment that gives an additional \$1 million to each

agency for 2014.

This funding comes from interest earned in a Rainy Day fund, so AZ residents will not see an increase in their taxes.

We appreciate the opportunities that the AZ Commission on the Arts gives arts organizations across the state each year. As we reported last month, we took advantage of one of their recent grant opportunities, allowing us to join the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce for 2 years at no cost to us.

With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts in the Tucson area for another 37 years. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

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