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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

Madera Clubhouse at  
Quail Creek Green  
Valley, AZ

#### **Pops in the Park**

**Sunday, May 1 Free!**

Dear Dorothy,

Our free March concerts are right around the corner. You can read about Clark Evans, our outstanding young cello soloist, below.

### "The Romantics" ~ Free Concerts this Month!

Compositions by Romantic composers are always audience favorites. Come to our free concerts this month and enjoy these pieces:

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

1. Un poco sostenuto - Allegro - Meno allegro (C minor)
2. Andante sostenuto (E major)
3. Un poco allegretto e grazioso (A-flat major)
4. Adagio - Più andante - Allegro non troppo, ma con brio - Più allegro (C major)

Brahms spent at least 14 years completing this symphony. Nineteenth-century German conductor Hans von Bülow called it "Beethoven's Tenth" because he perceived similarities between this work and various compositions of Beethoven. It is often remarked that there is a strong resemblance between the main theme of the finale of Brahms' First Symphony and the main theme of the finale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

#### **Overture in C, Op. 24** by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Mendelssohn was a very talented pianist, organist, violist, and conductor, as well as a good painter. Bülow described him as the most complete master of form after Mozart. This overture is scored for winds, brass, and percussion.

#### **Cello Concerto No. 1** by Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Featuring **Clark Evans** (read more about Clark below)

Instead of using the normal three-movement concerto form, Saint-Saëns structured the piece in one continuous movement. This single movement contains three distinct sections that share musical ideas.

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

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

Green Valley ~ Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m.

7:00 pm  
Reid Park, Tucson

### **Pops Concert**

**Saturday, May 7**

7:30 pm

**Tickets:** \$19/\$22

DesertView Performing  
Arts Center  
SaddleBrooke, AZ

### **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](#).

## Meet Clark Evans, Cello Soloist



Clark Evans is a junior at Sabino High School. He started taking cello lessons in the fourth grade with Carol Reeves at Bloom Elementary School. In 2005, he began studying cello privately with Jean Rankin. In 2007 he became a student of Mary Beth Tyndall, who is his current private teacher.

Since 2007, Clark has participated in several competitions, including those sponsored by the Tucson Symphony, the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, the Southern Arizona Symphony, and the Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra, receiving awards in many of them. He has won the COT Young Artists' Competition twice: in 2008 in the Junior Strings Division and in 2010 in the Senior Strings Division.

Clark has participated in the Regional Orchestra Festival and was a member of the 2010 All-State Orchestra. He has also played piano since the age of five and is a member of the Young Composers' Project sponsored by the Tucson Symphony. In addition to his musical life, Clark is an active participant in his religious youth group, a competitive swimmer, and an Eagle Scout.

## COT Musicians Featured at Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 5, you can attend a fun event for a good cause. The fund-raising dinner with special guests will support Saint Augustine Cathedral and Dancing in the Streets Arizona. A night of *Meatballs, Music and Much More* will feature food by Salvatore Gentile. Entertainment will be provided by Dancing in the Streets AZ students, Thom Lewis Dance, Tucson Girls Chorus, Tucson Junior Strings, Civic Orchestra of Tucson, and some surprise guests.

We were pleased to be invited to participate in this event because of our relationship with [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#). Each December we provide live orchestra music for their production of *The Nutcracker* ballet.

Three of our musicians who have been playing together for a year will provide our orchestra's portion of the entertainment. The members of the COT String Trio are Amy Osmun (violin), Glynn Eastham (viola), and Harriet Yount (cello).

**Who:** St. Augustine Cathedral and Dancing in the Streets Arizona

**When:** Saturday, March 5, 2011

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Augustine Cathedral 192 South Stone Ave., Monsignor Arsenio S. Carrillo Placita and Hall

**Price:** \$10 – Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, salad, dessert, coffee, iced tea, & water. Soft drinks and wine are available for purchase.

**For more info and tickets:** Call (520) 867-8489 or (520) 298-7738.

## Preview of our Pops Concerts

This year's Pops Concert theme is "The World's Best Marches and Dances." Herschel Kreloff, our Music Director, has selected a great lineup of music to conduct that will keep your fingers snapping and your feet tapping. Each concert will also feature one of this year's Young Artists' Competition winners. We have added one more Pops Concert to our calendar, so there is sure to be one to fit your schedule and location.

Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 ~ Quail Creek (tickets: \$15)

Sunday, May 1 at 7:00 ~ Reid Park (free!)

Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 ~ Saddlebrooke (tickets: \$19, \$22 at the door)

Mark the dates today! Look for more information in our next newsletter.

## Our Timpani Thank You!

In our February newsletter we asked for help in purchasing new timpani heads. As a result, we received an anonymous donation to cover this expense. We are very grateful for this special contribution. You won't hear the new timpani heads until next fall, as it takes time for them to settle and stretch. The replacement will take place over the summer.

If you missed the chance to help us purchase timpani heads, here is another opportunity. One of the pieces we plan to perform with a Young Artists' Competition winner this spring is Kabalevsky's Piano Concerto No. 3. The cost to rent the piece is \$300, which is more than we expected. (It is difficult to budget in advance because we don't know what pieces the winners will perform with us!)

If you or anyone you know would like to help pay for the rental of this piece, we would be very appreciative. 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

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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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