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COT News ~ March 2015

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Upcoming Events

**2014-2015
Free Concerts
Our 39th Season!**

Saturday events at 7 pm
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Saturday, March 14
Crowder Hall, UA
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**Sunday, March 15**  
PCC Center for the Arts

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**Sunday, April 19**  
Donor Appreciation Event  
(See "Tidbits..." below.)

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**Saturday, April 25**  
Annual COT Yard Sale  
2620 N Dodge Blvd  
(More details next month.)

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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
Concert at 7 pm

Concert details are

Dear Dorothy,

Will you be coming to our March concerts? They take place in less than two weeks and are filled with wonderful music. Remember that these concerts are free, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend with you.

Free March Concerts: "Czech Mates"

We are calling this concert "Czech Mates" because all of the composers hailed from Czechoslovakia and were alive at the same time.

Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 pm: Crowder Hall at the U of A [Directions](#)
Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 pm: PCC West Campus [Directions](#)

On Saturday, you may wish to stop by the [Tucson Festival of Books](#) at the U of A, grab something to eat, then come to our concert!

We love the music we are playing at this concert and know you will, too.

Scherzo Fantastique ~ Josef Suk (1874-1935)
"The Moldau" from Má Vlast ~ Bedřich Smetana (1824-1884)
Symphony #9, "From the New World" ~ Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Some of you may be confused by the number of the Dvořák symphony. For years, it was known as #5; in fact that is how it is named on our music. However, in the mid-60s, it became Symphony #9. Why? The number changed because the original symphonies were numbered 1-5, with the "New World Symphony" being No. 5. After Dvořák died, however, four more of his symphonies were discovered, which had been written earlier. Rather than assign those symphonies numbers 6-9, it was decided to renumber them to reflect the chronological order in which they were written. Hence, Symphony #5 became Symphony #9, which was the last one he wrote.

Last month, I mentioned coming across program notes by Richard Bratby for the Suk and Dvořák pieces are playing (see our [website](#) to read them). When I sent him a thank you for giving us permission to use the notes, he wrote back with this: "Very best wishes with your concert; I play in community orchestras myself in the UK but few of them would be imaginative enough to programme the Suk!"

When I told him a little about our Music Director, Dr. Herschel Kreloff, his

subject to change.

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reply was: "Your MD [Music Director] sounds a bit of a star!" We told Herschel that he was now a star on two continents!

Young Artists' Competition ~ Awesome!

If one word could be used to describe the talent the young musicians displayed when they auditioned at the Young Artists' Competition, it would be **awesome**, in the true sense of the word. We had competitors (and winners) from ages 6 to 17.

We are pleased to announce the winners of our 31st Young Artists' Competition, held on Saturday, February 14, 2015.

Junior Piano Division (grades 8 and under)

1st Place: **Orly Liu**

2nd Place: **Jessica Ding**

Senior Piano Division (grades 9-12)

1st Place: **Claire Thai** (harp)

2nd Place: **Joseph Galasso**

Honorable Mention: **Daniel Wieland**

Senior Winds & Percussion Division (grades 9-12)

1st Place: **Kip Zimmerman** (oboe)

Junior Strings Division (grades 8 and under)

1st Place: **Kai Skaggs** (violin)

2nd Place (tie): **Jacqueline Rodenbeck** (violin)

2nd Place (tie): **Sarah Turner** (violin)

Senior Strings Division (grades 9-12)

1st Place: **Levi Powe** (cello)

2nd Place: **Sanem Reinhardt** (violin)

Our Music Director will invite several winners to perform their solos with the orchestra at our Pops concerts this spring. Stay tuned for which young musicians you will hear at our Quail Creek (April 26) and Reid Park (May 3) concerts.

Thanks go to **Lee Oler** for organizing this event, with the assistance of **Barbara Freischlad**, and other COT members who helped out on the day of the competition: **Bob Kovitz**, **Dorothy Fitch**, **John Munier** and **Megan Henley**. Thanks also to the judges, three of whom were COT members who donated their time: **Judi Strayer**, **Fran Moskovitz**, and **Lee Oler**.

Jim Click Does it Again!



Every couple of years, the Jim Click Automotive Team donates a car so that non-profits all over Tucson can sell raffle tickets. Jim Click just donated a car last fall, so we were surprised that he was donating another

car so soon.

However, we know he was motivated by this particular car, a 50th anniversary edition of a Mustang valued at over \$46,000. Only 1,964 of this limited edition are being made, which coincides with the year the car was first introduced in 1964.

At our March and Pops concerts this spring and our October concerts next fall, we will be selling raffle tickets. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. (Cash, check, and charge cards accepted.) Ticket sales end on November 6 and the drawing will be held on November 13. Perhaps you will be the lucky winner! Note that the winner (who must be 21 or older) is responsible for all taxes, registration, and travel to claim the car.

The best part of this raffle is that the non-profits get to keep 100% of the money raised by ticket sales. So, if you buy a ticket from us, every penny will go to support the Civic Orchestra of Tucson. [Read more here.](#)

Tidbits...

- On Sunday, April 19, a Donor Appreciation gathering will be held for those who have donated \$100 or more to the COT this season. Details will arrive with the invitations. It is not too late to [donate](#) so you can attend this lovely afternoon of live music, delicious food, and conversation with COT members and Music Director Herschel Kreloff.
- The Powe String Trio played so impressively at our Fundraising concert in January that they have been asked to play at a wedding!
- Two of the works in our March concerts have a part for a harp, so we invited Claire Thai, a winner of the Young Artists' Competition, to play with us. Look for her on stage (it's not hard to find the harp!)
- Our annual Yard Sale is Saturday, April 25. We are collecting items now and will accept almost anything (except hazardous materials): books, clothing, furniture, technology items, and all types of household goods. Start putting aside items you no longer use. Next month we will tell you how and where you can get your donated items to us for our sale. Donation receipts will be provided.
- The U of A School of Music now has a new name. You may have seen the dedication of the school on television. The son of legendary horn player Fred Fox donated \$20 million to the U of A School of Music in Fred's honor. The school is now named the Fred Fox School of Music. Look for this name on the building when you come to our concert at Crowder Hall. [Read more here.](#)

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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