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Upcoming Events

COT Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21

7:00am - 2:00pm

at 2620 N Dodge Blvd

Plan to dine at Lotus Garden Restaurant

anytime **May 21** or **22**
to help the COT.

5975 E Speedway

Petting Zoos

Various dates and
places (see article)

Sponsor a Musician's Chair!

Thank you for your chair sponsorships this year. Stay tuned for details on how to sponsor our orchestra members next season.

Help the COT offer free concerts for 35 more years!

Thank you for your gift this season. Your donations are critical to

Dear Dorothy,

Even though our 2010-2011 concert season is now behind us, we still have many fun events planned. We hope you will be able to come to our Yard Sale, dine at Lotus Garden restaurant to support the COT, and attend one of our upcoming Instrument Petting Zoos.

COT Yard Sale ~ May 21

We are busily collecting items for our 2011 Yard Sale, to be held on Saturday, May 21. We'll have plenty of things for all your interests and needs. So far we have collected furniture, electronics (printer/fax), books, clothing, elementary teaching supplies, pet toys, stuffed animals, and much more.

Date: Saturday, May 21

When: 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 2620 N Dodge Blvd. (just south of Glenn)

We will happily accept your cash and personal checks (no credit cards).

In addition to coming to our Yard Sale, you can also support our orchestra by donating items that you no longer need. Just stop by 2620 N Dodge Blvd. on Friday, May 20 between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm to drop off your items. We will accept all types of items and can give you a donation receipt for your tax records.

Thank you for supporting our Yard Sale.



Support the COT when you Dine at Lotus Garden!

Lotus Garden Restaurant, one of our orchestra's Chair Sponsors, has generously offered to donate to us 10% of the cost of meals of friends of the COT for an entire weekend. Lotus Garden, the oldest family-run Chinese restaurant in Tucson (since 1968), is known for its fresh and flavorful dishes and wonderful service. It prepares 80% of its dishes to

our ability to provide free concerts to our Tucson audiences.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation this spring to help the COT get off to a healthy start next season.

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](#).

order and can accommodate any dietary restrictions. Its outstanding wine list includes over 500 different wines, with 20 available by the glass.

Dates: Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22

When: from 11:30 am to 10:00 pm (lunch served until 2:30)

Where: 5975 East Speedway (just east of Craycroft)

Plan a COT day on May 21 by first shopping at our Yard Sale (see above) and then enjoying lunch at Lotus Garden.

In order for the COT to receive the 10% donation for your meal, please print the coupon below and bring it to Lotus Garden, where you will sign a guest list. Check out their [Lunch menu](#), [Dinner menu](#), and [Wine List](#) in advance of your visit. At the [Lotus Garden Web site](#) you can sign up for its monthly newsletter to learn about special events, including Chinese Holiday celebrations.

Happy Birthday, Herschel!

On May 3, Herschel Kreloff, our superb (and inimitable) Music Director, celebrated his 80th birthday. The orchestra rehearsed that evening, but stopped playing early to give our birthday cards and wishes to Herschel and enjoy some cake.



Herschel's sense of humor often makes us chuckle during rehearsals. Over the years, musicians have recorded some of the things he has said during rehearsals and concerts. Here are a few examples:

"Better watch me because I want to do something funny here."

"We'll start with getting an "A" [for tuning], just in case anyone's fussy."

"Let's go back to where the clarinets are running back and forth."

When he had a cold: "To me, it sounds like you are in a bubble. I can't hear, but I'm sure you played well."

Addressing a Pops concert audience: "I rather like wearing this [white] jacket for a change. It solves the dandruff problem."

"Remember: rhythm, momentum and drive cover up so many sins."

We all wish Herschel a very happy birthday year with many more to follow!

Instrument Petting Zoos

At our free Instrument Petting Zoos, children of all ages (even adults) can try playing a variety of instruments. Perhaps your family has a future trombonist or cellist! We have a series of upcoming Petting Zoos for you to



choose from:

Park Place Mall - Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, May 12

Bookmans - Zoos run from 10:00-11:00 am
Tues., May 31 - 3733 W Ina/Thornsdale
Wed., June 1 - 6230 E Speedway/Wilmot
Thurs., June 2 - 1930 E Grant/Campbell

If you have questions about our Petting Zoos, or would like to donate a musical instrument that you longer use, please contact COT Zookeeper Barbara Freischlad at (520) 884-7849 or by [e-mail](#).

Thank you for coming to our concerts this year. It is exciting for us to play for enthusiastic audiences. We are already planning our schedule and programming for next season. Information about next year's concerts will be available during the summer in this newsletter and on our Web site.

We also thank you for your donations. Your generous support enables us to perform free classical music concerts throughout the Tucson area. [Please help keep the COT going](#)--and performing free concerts--for another 35 years!

Sincerely,

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**Help the COT
when you
dine at Lotus
Garden!**

Present this coupon at Lotus Garden on May 21 or 22. The restaurant will donate 10% of the cost of your meal (before tax & tip) to the Civic Orchestra of Tucson. Help the orchestra and enjoy fine Chinese cuisine!

(Offer valid for dine-in customers only.)
5975 East Speedway, Tucson ~ 520-298-3351

Offer valid May 21 and May 22, 2011 only (not valid for take-out orders)

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