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2015-2016

Our 40th Season!

**Herschel Kreloff,
Music Director**

POPS CONCERT

Sunday, May 1 7pm

"Pops in the Park!"

Petting Zoo at 6:00 pm
Reid Park, Tucson

Check out our [Musical Instrument Petting Zoo Schedule!](#)

Concert and event details are subject to change.

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Help us present free concerts in the Tucson area for 40 more years!

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Dear Dorothy,

With our May 1 "Pops in the Park!" concert at Reid Park and some fun children's programs, we bring our 2015-2016 season to a close. Thank you for supporting the COT--through your donations, attending our concerts, and volunteering your time and talents--to make this a successful and memorable 40th season.

We are planning our 41st season, so check your Inbox and our website over the summer to see when, where, and what we will be performing.

Pops in the Park! -- Free -- May 1

When: Sunday, May 1, at 7:00 pm

Arrive at 6:00 pm for our [Musical Instrument Petting Zoo](#).

Where: Reid Park, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center

900 S. Randolph Way [Directions](#)

Cost: ABSOLUTELY FREE!

How: No tickets or reservations are required.

Bring a blanket and a lawn chair and picnic to enjoy.

Who: A Young Artists' Competition Winner, plus two Guest Conductors

[Click for details.](#)

What: [Click to read what we will play.](#)

Support the COT at the concert (with cash, check, or credit card).

- **COT hats** (\$15) and our 40th season **T-shirts** (\$15 and \$18).
- Raffle tickets to win a **2016 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350**. This car is donated to local charities by the Jim Click Automotive Team. Charities can sell raffle tickets and keep 100% of the income from their ticket sales. Please purchase yours from us! The cost is \$25 for one ticket or \$100 for 5 tickets.
- **Make a donation** of any amount to support our free concerts and young musicians' programs.

Our concert at Reid Park will feature music from the stage and film. And be prepared to hear a stunning performance by 15-year-old **Sophia Rightmer** in the first movement of Dmitry Kabalevsky's Cello Concerto No. 1.

Anthony Yencarelli (age 7) will conduct "Stars and Stripes Forever" -- as



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we continue to find ways to encourage youth to explore musical paths.

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addition, Music Director Herschel Kreloff has invited [Chris Tackett](#) to be guest conductor. Chris will lead the orchestra in a variety of George Shearing tunes and arrangements, including "Lullaby of Birdland", "What Kind of Fool am I?", and more.

Before the concert begins, we'll hold our famous [Musical Instrument Petting Zoo](#), where children of all ages (even adults) can try playing an orchestral instrument -- everything from a violin or double bass to a trumpet or trombone. The Musical Instrument Petting Zoo starts at 6:00 pm.

Remember that our annual Reid Park concert is always **free**, so bring your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy great music under the stars.

COT Seeks a General Manager

Bob Kovitz, our hard-working General Manager, is stepping down from his position. After three years of handling the day-to-day operations of the orchestra, he is ready to explore other adventures.

If you are organized, interested in arts administration, and love classical music, we'd love to hear from you. Or perhaps you know someone who is perfect for this part-time position. Please share this information.

As the COT is a volunteer, community orchestra with a limited budget, we are seeking an individual who is passionate about the opportunity and prepared to devote time and energies to the position, with only modest financial compensation. The position will remain open until filled.

[Read a full description of the position and download an application form.](#) If you have any questions, please contact [Dorothy Fitch](#).

We thank Bob Kovitz for his three years of service to the COT and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Musical Fun for Children

We have four upcoming Musical Instrument Petting Zoos and one children's program sponsored by SAACA (Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Alliance). Here are the details.

[Tucson Symphony Orchestra](#)

Saturday, April 30, 2016

2:30-4:00 pm



Leo Rich Theater
Between performances of
"Cindy Ellen: A Wild Western Cinderella"

Petting Zoos at Bookmans

10:00-11:00 am

Wednesday, June 1, Speedway/Wilmot

Thursday, June 2, Grant/Campbell

Friday, June 3, Ina/Thornydale

Musical Magic for Kids

Saturday, June 4

10:00-11:00 am

with Emily Evans, COT Concertmaster

Oro Valley Council Chambers

11000 N. La Canada

Thank you for your interest and support. With your help, we can continue to perform free classical concerts in the Tucson area for another 40 years.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Fitch

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