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Our Next Concerts

The Russians
Free Concerts!

Saturday, Nov. 6

3:00 pm
Crowder Hall
UA School of Music
1017 Olive Rd
Tucson, AZ

Sunday, Nov. 7

3:00 pm
Community Performing
Arts Center
1250 W Continental Rd
Green Valley, AZ

Mark Your Calendars

Holiday Concert

Free Concert!

Dec. 11 at 3:00 pm
Petting Zoo at 2:00 pm
Rio Vista Elem. School
1351 E Limberlost Dr.
Tucson, AZ

Nutcracker Ballet

Dear Dorothy,

We have been busy rehearsing for the opening concerts of our 35th season. We are excited to perform our fall concerts in both Tucson and Green Valley. In December, we will present a Holiday Concert in Tucson featuring excerpts from *The Nutcracker* ballet along with pieces performed by young musicians at the Rio Vista Elementary School. Please make sure that our concerts are on your calendar! For more information about our season, please visit our [Web site](#).

November 6 & 7 Free Concerts feature Russians

The first concerts of our 35th season are quickly approaching! We encourage you to attend one of our concerts, either in Tucson on November 6 or in Green Valley on November 7. Both concerts are **free** and start at 3:00. See the sidebar at the left for locations.

The theme of our fall concerts is **The Russians**. On the program are works by three Russian composers. We know you will enjoy these pieces, which are filled with flowing melodies and dynamic rhythms.

Glinka: Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture

Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 3

Aryo Wicaksono, soloist

Kalinnikov: Symphony No. 1

We look forward to seeing you at one of our concerts!

Piano Recital by Mr. Wicaksono

The soloist for our Prokofiev concerto is [Aryo Wicaksono](#), a dynamic pianist who is gaining attention for his interpretation of Prokofiev's works.

In addition to performing at our afternoon concerts during his visit to Tucson, Mr. Wicaksono will be presenting a solo piano recital in preparation for an upcoming recital in San Diego. He will perform works by J. S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin (his 200th anniversary year), Liszt, and a private premiere of "Four Piano Pieces" by Clint Borzoni.

with [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#)

December 26

Times: 1:00 & 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$10, through Dancing in the Streets Pima Comm. College Proscenium Theater Tucson, AZ

Young Artists' Competition

February 5

Details coming soon.

The Romantics

Free Concerts!

March 19 at 7:00 pm

Green Valley, AZ

March 20 at 3:00 pm

Tucson, AZ

Pops Concert

April 17 at 3:00 pm

Tickets: TBA

Quail Creek (fundraiser)

Green Valley, AZ

Other venues: TBA

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.

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Through **iSearch** and **iGive** you can make a small donation to our orchestra whenever you search the Web or make online purchases. Please read the [details on our Web site](#).

His recital, which includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, will take place on Saturday, November 6 at 7:00. Admission is \$30. Donations above that amount will benefit the UA School of Music's Camerata. To reserve a spot, please RSVP to Dr. Keith Hege at hege@mksit.net or by phone at 520-299-1214. The recital will take place in his Tucson home at 4370 East Paloma Drive. Please contact him as soon as possible to reserve your seat.



Free Holiday Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo

On Saturday, December 11, the COT will perform a free Holiday Concert at Rio Vista Elementary School (1351 E. Limberlost Drive) at 3:00 pm. In addition to playing holiday favorites, the orchestra will perform selections from *The Nutcracker* ballet, including some beautiful sections that are less well-known.

The school's band and string students will also present music of their own during the concert and may sit in with us for a piece. What a wonderful opportunity for young musicians to be part of an orchestra concert!

Before the concert, we are planning to hold an Instrument Petting Zoo so that audience members of all ages can try playing a musical instrument. Read more about our popular [Petting Zoos](#).

Watch for next month's newsletter for more details on the program and the Instrument Petting Zoo. Our Holiday Concert is sure to be a fun and educational event for all ages! Mark your calendar now!

Ford Made in America and COT Receive Prestigious Award

At its recent conference in Atlanta, the League of American Orchestras presented its Golden Baton Award to Ford Made in America and the 65 small-budget orchestras that participated in the program over the past two years. The award was given for "vision and leadership which... (brought) vibrant energy of new orchestral music to communities in all 50 states."

Ford Made in America (FMIA), a consortium to commission new orchestral works, created a national network to give participating orchestras the opportunity to commission and premiere a new work. In addition, FMIA offered resources to enhance each orchestra's engagement with its community, deepen its involvement with young people, and further its mastery of the music of our time. The program exemplifies the spirit of partnership, commitment to creativity, and the true vitality of America's orchestras and composers.

The COT participated in both rounds of Ford Made in America, first in 2005 and again in 2009. Our efforts culminated in the Arizona premiere of Joan Tower's "Made in America," and Joseph Schwantner's "Chasing Light..." Tower's composition went on to win a classical Grammy award.

As part of this award, the Civic Orchestra of Tucson received a certificate, which is a duplicate of the official plaque presented at the conference. You can hear the award presentation by clicking on [YouTube Golden Baton Award](#).

Click to read more about [Ford Made in America](#). The COT is honored to be the only participating orchestra in Arizona.

Please support our orchestra this year by attending our free concerts, sponsoring a musician's chair, and making an additional donation of any size using our [secure online donation page](#).

We look forward to seeing you at one of our November concerts. Be sure to forward this newsletter to your friends and relatives so they can join you at a concert.

Sincerely,

Terry Sullivan
General Manager
Civic Orchestra of Tucson

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