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**Mark Your Calendars
for our
2011-2012 Season**

Fall Classical Concerts **Free**

Saturday, Nov 19 7:00
Sahuarita District Auditorium
350 W. Sahuarita Road
Sahuarita, AZ

Sunday, Nov 20 7:00
Ascension Lutheran Church
1220 W Magee Road
Tucson, AZ (Oro Valley)

Holiday Pops Concert **Free**

Monday, Dec 12 7:30
with student musicians
playing with the COT
Marana Middle School
11279 W. Grier Road
Marana, AZ

Nutcracker Ballet

Sunday, Dec 18 3:00
Performed by [Dancing in the Streets Arizona](#) with live orchestral music by COT.
Fox Tucson Theatre
17 West Congress St.
Tucson, AZ
Tickets available from
DITSAZ.

Dear Dorothy,

We are pleased to announce our 2011-2012 concert season. Mark your calendars now with the dates listed at the left. We will perform free concerts throughout the greater Tucson area: in Sahuarita, Oro Valley, Marana, Vail, and Tucson. In the spring we look forward to a Pops fundraiser concert at Quail Creek in Green Valley and our annual free "Pops in the Park" concert at Reid Park.

For complete concert details, please visit our [website](#).

Travel with the COT!

You don't have to jump on a plane for this trip! This year, we are taking you on a musical journey that spans several continents. Our season's title is "The World of Music," and we will highlight many styles of music from many countries.

In the fall, you will visit France, Germany, Scotland (by way of Germany), and Brazil. Our holiday concert will take you to Russia, and our spring concert takes us back to Germany and also to Spain. In our Pops concerts we will likely return to the United States, and perhaps visit other countries along the way.

The theme for our November concerts is "Romanticism: Restrained and Unrestrained". The restrained Romantic composer is Mendelssohn; the unrestrained one is Wagner. To this we add a French Romantic and some new world drumbeats. Our fall concerts will take place in Sahuarita and in Oro Valley, with the following works on the program:

Piano Concerto #2 in G minor (first movement) by Camille Saint-Saëns

with **Shantell Petty**, pianist

Senior Piano Division Winner of our 2011 Young Artists' Competition
(This will be performed only at the Sahuarita concert.)

Rienzi Overture by Richard Wagner

Concerto for Timpani and Strings by Ney Rosauro
with **Barbara Freischlad**, COT timpanist

Symphony No. 3 "Scottish" by Felix Mendelssohn

Spring Classical Concerts *Free*

Sat., March 10 7:00

Vail Theater of the Arts
10701 E. Mary Ann
Cleveland Way, Vail, AZ

Sunday, March 11 3:00

Crowder Hall
UA School of Music
1020 E. University Blvd.
Tucson, AZ

Pops at Quail Creek

Sunday, April 29 3:00

Tickets: \$15 (available
closer to the concert)
Crystal Ballroom at Madera
Clubhouse at Quail Creek
Green Valley, AZ

Pops in the Park

Free

Sunday, May 6 7:00

DeMeester Outdoor
Performance Center
Reid Park, Tucson, AZ

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concerts in the Tucson
area for 36 more years!

Thank you!

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Every Dollar Makes a Difference!

Your donations allow us to continue to present free concerts throughout the Tucson area. Instead of charging for concerts like so many other local musical groups, we have chosen to present our concerts at no charge. Offering free concerts allows people of all ages, economic strata, and cultures to hear and appreciate live orchestral music, perhaps for the first time. Regardless of the size of your contribution, it is very valuable to us and we truly appreciate it. Here are some ways in which you might wish to support the COT.

Sponsor a Musician

If you have a favorite member of our orchestra, you can sponsor that musician's chair. Or, if you have a favorite instrument, you can sponsor a musician who plays it. Your name will be listed next to the musician in our concert programs throughout the season.

For just **\$25** you can sponsor one of our musicians or your favorite instrument. For **\$60**, you can sponsor an entire section: strings, woodwinds, brass, or percussion. For **\$100**, you can sponsor our Conductor, Dr. Herschel Kreloff. To sponsor a musician, download our [Chair Sponsorship form](#).

Make a General Donation

This year, we are offering a range of benefits for donors. If you sponsor a musician and also make a general donation, your benefit level will be for the total amount of your contributions to the COT.

Donor benefits include an invitation to a special donor recognition event, an invitation to attend our Young Artists' Competition in February, the opportunity to conduct the COT or dedicate a piece of music that we perform, to name a few. Please download our [Donation form](#) and visit our [Make a Donation](#) page to make your donation. You can donate online through our secure PayPal page or by mail.

Donate a Little Every Month

You can now support the COT each month automatically. With this program, your credit card is charged the same amount each month. You can choose an amount to contribute monthly: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100. You need a PayPal account to donate in this way. If you don't have a PayPal account, you can set one up for free. Go to our [Make a Donation](#) page to set up a recurring donation. You can cancel at any time following the instructions that PayPal will send you with your monthly receipt.

We can also help you set up recurring payments to the COT of any amount through your bank account, or you may be able to set them up yourself through online banking.

For more information or assistance with these monthly giving plans, please [contact us](#).

Ask a Business to Sponsor the COT

We would love to have your business (or one you frequent) sponsor our orchestra. Sponsorship levels start at \$50, which gives your business a link from our [Sponsor page](#) to your website. For \$100, we will publish your 30-word blurb. For all the benefits of business sponsorship, please download our [Sponsor Brochure](#).

We Welcome Back our Musicians

We started rehearsing for our fall concerts last Tuesday. The week before, members gathered to pick up their music folders and catch up with friends. Several small groups performed pieces they had been practicing over the summer. It was a fun way to start the new season.

We are pleased to welcome several new members to the COT this season. We are expanding our string section by four violinists and welcoming new members in our clarinet, French horn, and percussion sections. One of our multi-talented musicians is switching from the double bass section to play first clarinet. Hence we could use another double bass player or two. If you know a double bass player who enjoys playing great classical music, please [contact us](#).

We are excited about our upcoming season and hope that you can come to one of our concerts in November.

With your support, we can continue to perform free classical music concerts throughout the Tucson area. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

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