



Civic Orchestra of Tucson

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Civic Orchestra of Tucson presents Two Free Concerts

TUCSON, AZ (February 26, 2018) — The Civic Orchestra of Tucson (COT) continues its 42nd season with free concerts in Oro Valley and Tucson.

On Saturday, March 10, the orchestra performs a 3:00 pm concert in an Oro Valley venue that they have not played in before. The Church of the Apostles, 12111 N La Cholla Blvd in Oro Valley, enthusiastically welcomes the orchestra to perform a free concert in their church. The public is invited and no tickets are required.

On Sunday, March 11, the orchestra presents the same concert at Crowder Hall, UA Fred Fox School of Music, 1017 N Olive Rd, at 4:30 pm. Audience members can take in the concert after exploring the Tucson Festival of Books. The concert is free and no tickets are needed.

Charles Bontrager, Guest Conductor, leads the orchestra in these concerts. Mr. Bontrager retired from the post of Assistant Director of Orchestral Activities at the University of Arizona, a position he accepted following his retirement as conductor of symphony and opera throughout the world for nearly thirty years.

On the program for these concerts are familiar orchestral highlights from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" ballet and the great Symphony No. 2 by Sibelius, filled with lush sounds, complex rhythms, and powerful passions.

The Sleeping Beauty music is a prelude to the orchestra's performance for *Dancing in the Streets?* production of *The Sleeping Beauty* Ballet on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 pm at the Temple of Music and Art.

The Civic Orchestra of Tucson is a 65-member, all-volunteer community orchestra dedicated to performing free concerts throughout the greater Tucson area since 1975. For more information about these free concerts, visit www.COTmusic.org or call 520-730-3371.

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