

We asked our orchestra members – “**Where were you in 1975?**” – the year the COT was founded.

**Glynn, Viola**

I was on the U.S.S. Enterprise off the coast of Vietnam in the U.S. Navy.

**Ralph, Tuba**

I was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Apollo Jr. High in Tucson, and 1975 was the year I started playing tuba.

**Chris, Violin**

I was in high school in Tucson, learning to shift to 4<sup>th</sup> position on my violin and driving a car for the first time.

**Chris, Trombone**

I started high school in Ventura, CA, and had been playing trombone for 3 years.

**Teresa, Violin**

I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Tucson, playing violin in the school orchestra and in Tucson Jr. Strings.

**Mary, Cello**

I was a college student in Stillwater, OK, playing clarinet in the OK State Univ. marching band.

**Ben, Percussion**

I was a public school teacher in Hutchinson, KS, playing in orchestra, concert band, and dance band.

**Herschel, Baton**

I was teaching instrument music in Tucson, playing for Tucson Opera, Tucson Concert Band, Tucson Symphony Orchestra, and Lalo Robles Band.

**Bill, French Horn**

I was living in Tallahassee, FL, and music director at Apalachee Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, FL, and playing in the Tallahassee Community Band.

**Richard, Trumpet**

I was a grad student at the U of A, playing in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, and in the COT from 1975-1977.

**Martha, Viola**

I was a student at Pima College and playing viola under George Schwartz, who was just starting the COT. It was special to be a founding member.

**Emily, Violin**

I was in Longmont, CO, playing violin in my junior high orchestra.

**We were not yet born in 1975!**

**Rose, Violin** **Elena, Violin** **Alisha, Bass**

**Megan, Cello** (I'm now getting my PhD in Sociology.)

**Hayley, Violin** (I'm now a neuroscience student.)

**Barbara, Cello** (I'm teaching; my parents were engaged in 1975.)

**Tony, Timpani** (My mother was 5 years old!)

**Lee, Violin**

I was teaching band in Tucson and playing in Beavers Band and Amphi Summer Bowl. (I also play flute and trombone.)

**Marilyn, Oboe/English Horn**

I had just moved to Tucson and was chasing kids, having taken time off to have children.

**Jean, Cello**

I was in Tucson, teaching cello and playing in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra (year 18 of 36 in the TSO).

**Harriet, Cello**

I was playing in a small orchestra, in Guadalajara, Mexico.

**Ed, Oboe**

I was teaching in a 2-room log-cabin school in Avola, British Columbia, population 150.

**Ethan, Violin**

I was 4 years old in Lansing, MI, probably hitting things (think percussion) in pre-school.

**Susan, Violin**

I was in high school in Des Moines, IA, playing in the school orchestra, All-State Orchestra, and Choir.

**Bob, Bass**

I graduated from High School in Cincinnati, OH, playing sousaphone in the band and bass in a bluegrass band and was just starting 4-year active duty in the U.S. Navy.

**Sylvia, Cello**

I was teaching school music in Stanley, ND.

**Judi, Violin**

I was playing 1<sup>st</sup> violin in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, Tucson Opera, Tucson Pops, and was orchestra director at Tucson High School.

**Tom, Trombone**

I was driving a cab in NYC, playing in different rehearsal bands and jazz in clubs.

**Dorothy, Cello**

I was teaching music in Nashua, NH, playing in the Souhegan Recorder Consort and occasionally flute/piccolo in the NH Philharmonic.

**Randall, Violin**

I was playing 1<sup>st</sup> chair, 1<sup>st</sup> violin in Sahuaro HS in Tucson, All-State, and Sahuaro Singers.

**Barbara, Bassoon**

I was living in Philadelphia, studying with the principal bassoonist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, with a fellowship at Temple University.

**Fran, Flute**

I was a student in State College, PA, playing in college orchestra, wind ensemble, and concert band.

**Lori, Violin**

I was a junior in high school in Arcadia, CA, playing in the orchestra and in the Pasadena City College Orchestra.

**Larry, Trumpet**

I was in Tucson, playing in night clubs while in high school and playing trumpet in a dance band.

**Mary, French Horn**

I was getting ready to have a baby in Wheaton, IL.

**Bob, General Manager**

I was a city planner in Simi Valley, CA, and playing piano in various gigs.

**Chauncey, Clarinet**

I was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Yukon, OK, working on our farm, playing clarinet in concert band and baritone sax in the jazz band.

**Mary, Flute/Piccolo**

I was in middle school in Huntington Beach, CA, playing cello in the youth orchestra (flute in 1977).

**Ann, Violin**

I was mothering 3 boys by myself in San Diego.

**Jim, French Horn**

I was in San Diego, working as Acoustics Support Contractor for the Navy Lab and playing in the San Diego County Symphony.