



## Civic Orchestra of Tucson

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### **“Free Orchestra Concert Features Young Violinist”**

The Civic Orchestra of Tucson (COT) kicks off its 42<sup>nd</sup> season with free concerts in both Tucson and Sahuarita. The concerts will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 1, at Christ Church United Methodist, 655 N Craycroft, and at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 8, at the Sahuarita District Auditorium, 22 W Sahuarita Rd. Both concerts are free and no tickets are required.

At these concerts, the spotlight will shine on 17-year-old violinist, Nikolai Robbins, who began playing the violin at age three, joined Tucson Junior Strings at age seven, and began playing in a string quartet at age nine. He has won many competitions since then and aspires to a career as a professional violinist. He has chosen to perform the gypsy-inspired third movement of Violin Concerto No. 2 by Henryk Wieniawski. This Polish composer was one of the most celebrated virtuoso violinists of the 19th century. “We are honored to have such a talented young musician play with us,” says the orchestra’s General Manager, Dorothy Fitch.

Also on the program are the dynamic Romanian Rhapsodie No. 1 by George Enescu, Romanian Folk Dances by Béla Bartók, and Hungarian Dance No. 10 by Brahms. The concert concludes with Beethoven’s beloved Symphony No. 7.

At 2:15 pm, before the concert in Sahuarita, the orchestra will present its legendary “Musical Instrument Petting Zoo,” where adults and children alike can try playing a variety of instruments under the guidance of orchestra members.

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](http://www.COTmusic.org) or call 520-730-3371.

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