



Courtesy **Civic Orchestra of Tucson**

The 65-member **Civic Orchestra** of Tucson is an all-volunteer group of community musicians offering free concerts since 1975.

Enjoy free Civic Orchestra concert

By **Ellen Sussman**

Special to the Green Valley News

Take a musical journey to Vienna, Paris, New York City and other places that have inspired great music when the Civic Orchestra of Tucson begins its 41st season. It comes to Sahuarita on Sunday, Oct. 2, with a free "Urban Landscapes" concert at the Sahuarita District Auditorium.

President of the COT and Sahuarita resident Dorothy Fitch invites concertgoers to a "musical petting zoo" at 2:15 p.m. for an opportunity to try playing an orchestral instrument. The concert starts at 3 p.m.

The program includes Mozart's Prague Symphony No. 38, the Viennese "Wiener Blut" waltz by Johann Strauss, "A Salute to the Big Apple" with toe-tapping tunes about New York City arranged by Calvin Custer, and a jazzy piece featuring saxophones, taxi horns and the COT's new xylophone in "An American in Paris," by George Gershwin.

If you go

"Urban Landscapes" is a free concert and will be held at the Sahuarita District Auditorium at 350 W. Sahuarita Road at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2.

The concert will also feature 17-year-old Evan Willmarth, winner of the COT's senior piano division of the Young Artist's Competition. A senior at Catalina Foothills High School, Willmarth will offer the first movement of Piano Concerto No. 2 by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Willmarth began playing the piano at age 8, advancing to more serious studies at age 13. He enjoys opera and chamber music concerts, along with reading, chess and traveling.

The 65-member Civic Orchestra of Tucson is an all-volunteer group of community musicians. It has been performing free concerts in the Greater



Guest pianist at the Oct. 2 Civic Orchestra of Tucson concert in Sahuarita is 17-year-old Evan Willmarth.

Tucson area since 1975.

For more background information on the concert, music director Hershel Kreloff will give a pre-concert talk at the Joyner-Green Valley Library on Monday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m.

For more information about the COT's free events: www.cot-music.org or call 520-730-3371.

Contact Green Valley freelance reporter **Ellen Sussman** at ellen2414@cox.net.

Courtesy of Green Valley News