

# I like playing in the Civic Orchestra of Tucson because...

(Some of our orchestra members share their thoughts.)

...to be in a room surrounded by brilliant musicians with no ulterior motives—only a passion for music—is pretty incredible.

*Alexandra, Violin, member for 13 years*

...I enjoy spending time with other music lovers.

*Lori, Violin, member for 32 years*

...we play great music under a fine conductor.

*Jean, Cello, member on and off for 30 years*

...it brings me great enjoyment.

*Hyan, Violin, member for 7 years*

...music is good for the soul. It transcends language, and speaks to people without words.

*Tiffany, Viola, member for 6 months*

...I feel that setting an example for life-long musicianship and community service for my children and students is essential.

*Amy, Violin, member since 2009*

... I like playing good music with a good conductor.

*Lee, Violin, member since 1987*

...I am always so impressed by the talented winners of the Young Artists' Competition who perform their solos with us each year.

*Dorothy, Cello, member since 2009*

...everyone is so friendly and nice, and it gives me a great opportunity to play my instrument.

*Rose, Violin, member for 2 years*

...the music is incredible and the musicians are wonderful. I love sharing music with Tucson!

*Emily, Concertmaster, member for 7 years*

...it gives me a chance to play great music I most likely would never have the opportunity to perform.

*Barbara, Cello, member for 10 years*

...it's a musical break to my busy week.

*Brianna, Violin, member for 4 years*

...there is nothing like the experience of sitting in the middle of an orchestra and hearing everything around you.

*Marilyn, Oboe, member since 1985*

...it brings me closer to the infinite.

*Ethan, Violin, member since 2001*

...I enjoy being with people of "high standards."

*Jerry, Trumpet, member for 15 years*

...I love classical music and we play a wide variety of repertoire.

*Fran, Flute, member since 1989*

...I love the sound of an orchestra—surely the greatest instrument ever invented!

*Ed, Oboe, member since 1987*

...it's a chance to play great music (although being a trombone player, we don't get to play often).

*Dennis, Trombone, member since 2002*

...I get to play with my sister, I get to enjoy the music, and I love the group.

*Randy, Violin, member since 2013*

...it's nice to hear a full orchestra surrounding our section and having the opportunity to play my trumpet.

*Larry, Trumpet, member since 2008*

...I get to see my brother and sit with him. There is nothing like sitting in a symphony orchestra surrounded by beautiful music and positive energy.

*Judi, Violin, member since 2012*

...it gives me the opportunity to give back to the community, the rare opportunity to play tuba in an orchestra, and I love music!

*Ralph, Tuba, member for 5 years*

...the music is always a joy to play. The conductor, other players, and board members, are very friendly and respectful. The manager is also friendly, respectful and also organized with all that comes along with putting things together with COT.

*Marcelena, Violin, member since 2007*