



Civic Orchestra of Tucson

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Civic Orchestra of Tucson Honors the Memory of Dr. Herschel Kreloff

TUCSON, AZ (June 1, 2018) — The Civic Orchestra of Tucson will host a “Celebration of Life” to honor the late Dr. Herschel Kreloff’s memory and legacy in the Tucson community. The event will take place at the Tucson Jewish Community Center on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from 10am to 12pm. Those attending will have an opportunity to share stories and memories of Dr. Kreloff, view a slideshow about his life, browse through orchestra memorabilia, and enjoy live music and refreshments. Several members of the orchestra will perform, as well as talented winners of the Young Artists’ Competition: harpist Claire Thai and The Powe Trio (Carissa and Aliyah, violinists, and Levi, cellist).

RSVPs are encouraged. Visit www.COTmusic.org or call/text (520) 730-3371.

Dr. Herschel Kreloff passed away on April 25, 2018, days before his 87th birthday. In addition to conducting the Civic Orchestra of Tucson for the past thirty-eight years, Dr. Kreloff was involved in many musical pursuits during his lifetime, including past Assistant Conductor of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, leader of the Tucson Concert Band, trumpet player with the Phoenix and Tucson Symphony Orchestras, and teacher of band and orchestra at every level. In honor of his significant contribution to Tucson’s musical culture, Dr. Kreloff was inducted into the Tucson Musicians Museum in 2015.

Charles Bontrager now takes the podium as Music Director of the Civic Orchestra of Tucson, only the third person to hold that post in the orchestra’s 43-year history. He served as Guest Conductor during the spring of 2018 at the invitation of Dr. Kreloff, and has just announced the orchestra’s 2018-2019 schedule of free concerts at COTmusic.org.

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 the orchestra and the special event to honor the memory of Dr. Kreloff, visit www.COTmusic.org.

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