



Civic Orchestra of Tucson

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Civic Orchestra of Tucson launches 43rd season with two free concerts

TUCSON, AZ (September 24, 2018) — The Civic Orchestra of Tucson begins its 43rd season of free concerts under the baton of Charles Bontrager, its new Music Director. Just the third conductor in the orchestra's history, Mr. Bontrager retired from the post of Assistant Director of Orchestral Activities at the University of Arizona, a position he accepted following a career of nearly 30 years as conductor of symphony and opera throughout the world.

The orchestra's season kicks off with "Stars of Vienna and Praha," a pair of concerts with familiar literature from two greats—Mozart and Dvořák—both celebrating the cultural life of that wonderful city on the Moldau, Praha (Prague). On the program are Mozart's Overture to "The Magic Flute" and his Clarinet Concerto in A, with Chauncey Roach, soloist. The program concludes with Antonin Dvořák's beloved Symphony No. 8.

At 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 13, the orchestra performs the concert at Flowing Wells High School Auditorium, 3725 N Flowing Wells Rd in Tucson, in the school district where Mr. Bontrager taught for a number of years. At this concert, music students in the school's orchestra will sit side-by-side with Civic Orchestra of Tucson musicians in a performance of "Danse Bacchanale" by Camille Saint-Saëns.

The concert, with music by Mozart and Dvořák, repeats on Sunday, October 14, at 3:00 pm at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E 3rd St in Tucson.

Music aficionados of all ages, as well as those who want to learn more about classical music, are invited to these free concerts. No tickets are required.

The Civic Orchestra of Tucson is a 75-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 or call 520-730-3371.

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