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Civic Orchestra of Tucson Presents Free Pops Concert in Green Valley

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The Civic Orchestra of Tucson (COT) returns to Green Valley in April to present a free Pops concert. The performance will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 3:00 pm at Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 E Camino Del Sol, in Green Valley.

The orchestra is no stranger to Green Valley. Each year, this 75-member ensemble performs free concerts throughout Pima County, including Green Valley. Several orchestra members live in Sahuarita or Green Valley, and the nonprofit organization is a proud member of the Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce.

Charles Bontrager, COT's Music Director, has named the April 28 Pops concert "Spring Delights" and it offers a variety of musical treats. The program includes familiar Broadway tunes, light classical pieces, marches, and even a hoe-down. For a complete list of pieces on the program, visit www.cotmusic.org.

In the spotlight will be pianist Minu Kim, a high school senior. This talented young musician wowed the judges at the orchestra's 2019 Young Artists' Competition and he was selected as the winner of the Senior Piano Division. He has chosen to

play the challenging third and fourth movements of Piano Concerto No. 1 by Franz Liszt.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Minu Kim began playing the piano at the age of 12. Since then, in addition to winning COT's 2019 Young Artists' Competition, he has won many other competitions including Dong-A Times Competition, South Chungcheong Department of Education Competition, Viva M Competition, Tucson Music Teachers Association Scholarship Audition, and the Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition. He also participated in a masterclass with Daniel Hsu. In 2017, he moved to Arizona and started studying with Dr. Kyungsun Choi.

Each winter, school-age musicians, some as young as age 6, compete for cash awards in the orchestra's Young Artists' Competition, and winners are invited to perform their solos with the orchestra. If you attend COT's "Pops in the Park" concert on May 5 at Reid Park (7:00 pm), you can hear another talented young

musician, Jacqueline Rodenbeck, the 11-year-old winner of the Junior Strings Division of the competition. She will play the first movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

Both the Young Artists' Competition and its Musical Instrument Petting Zoos are part of the orchestra's mission to encourage young musicians and introduce people of all ages to classical music.

The Civic Orchestra of Tucson has been performing free con-



certs throughout the greater Tucson area since 1975. Its concert season is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts, which receives support from the State of Ar-

izona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional contributions come from individual and corporate donations.

For more information about the free April 28 Pops concert in Green Valley and all the orchestra's events, please visit www.cotmusic.org or call 520-730-3371.

Save the Date: The Civic Orchestra of Tucson will return to Green Valley for another free concert on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Valley Presbyterian Church. That program includes Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5.



Minu Kim