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**CIVIC ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT AT REID PARK ON MAY 1
FEATURING POPS FAVORITES AND CELLO SOLOIST**

On May 1, at 7:00 pm, the Civic Orchestra of Tucson (COT) will perform its FREE annual pops concert at the DeMeester Outdoor Pavilion in Reid Park. The concert, "Lights, Camera, Action," will include music from opera, ballet, movies, TV, and Broadway. In addition, sixteen year-old cellist, Molly Urbon-Bonine, winner of COT's Young Artists' Competition, Senior Strings Division, will perform *Élégie*, by Gabriel Fauré. *Élégie* is a stand-alone piece, because although Fauré was a prolific composer, he never finished the other movements of this emotional composition. The pops concert is a great opportunity to bring a blanket and picnic dinner, enjoy the outdoor concert, and see this truly talented young musician.

COT will also perform the "Lights, Camera, Action" concert on Saturday, April 30, at 3:00 pm at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley. At this concert, Jisue Choi, the winner of COT's Young Artists' Competition, Senior Piano Division, will perform with the orchestra. The seventeen year-old will play the first movement of Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, which is famously difficult for the dexterity and stamina it requires of the soloist. Prokofiev composed most of this concerto in 1921, but drew on quite a few bits of music that he wrote earlier, and been intended originally for other pieces.

The "Lights, Camera, Action" concerts will be the last for Charles Bontrager, music director. Maestro Bontrager will be retiring in May. Dr. Keun Oh, the music director designate, will take the reins this summer.

Concerts will be held on:

Saturday, April 30 at 3:00 pm

Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley, AZ

Sunday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

DeMeester Outdoor Pavilion, Reid Park, 800 S. Concert Pl., Tucson, AZ

No tickets required

Visit cotmusic.org or call 520-730-3371 for more information.

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