



PRESENTS ITS

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

In 1975, The Civic Orchestra of Tucson (COT) began giving free concerts in greater Tucson and southern Arizona. In 1995, COT started offering the Musical Instrument Petting Zoos at special events. COT musicians have brought this unique activity to schools, children's programs, daycare/after-school care, city-sponsored events, art festivals and Bookmans' store events.

Here's how it works:

- We bring a selection of string and percussion instruments.
- Our musicians volunteer their time at the zoos, to help participants hold the instrument correctly and make a beautiful sound.
- Many children, and even some adults, are then inspired to start the study of a musical instrument.



The Classroom Zoo

We set up in a room with string and percussion instruments. The children will see a short presentation about the instruments and music in general. We then let the children try the instruments with the assistance of orchestra members.

The Community Zoo

COT sets up the instruments at a festival or event. Children and adults may wander over and play whatever strikes their interest, with orchestra members' guidance.

A donation to the orchestra of \$200-\$500 is recommended for each Petting Zoo. For more information or to schedule a Musical Instrument Petting Zoo at your organization's event, please call 520-730-3371 or email manager@cotmusic.org.

The orchestra also holds Petting Zoos prior to some of the concerts. Please check our schedule at cotmusic.org for further information.