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www.goldcanyonarts.org**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE
2009-2010 SEASON**

October/November, 2009 -Annual Fall Brunch

Date to be determined

You will be notified by e-mail

November 13th, 2009

Brad Richter- Guitarist

Brad reinvigorates the guitar repertoire with a calm freshness that transcends the usual idea of classical guitar. His stories about the music, his humor and his interaction with the audience will leave you smiling.

December 2009 -Annual Christmas Social

Date to be determined

You will be notified by e-mail

January 8, 2010

John O'Connor - Tickling the Ivories

A native of Dublin, O'Connor brings a worldwide reputation as a masterful interpreter of the Classic and early-Romantic repertoires to Gold Canyon.

Lucky us! No need to travel to England to hear him solo with the London Symphony Orchestra.

SOUNDS OF THE CANYON

SPRING/SUMMER 2009

January 23rd 2010

10th Canyon Arts Festival

The 10th Annual Canyon Arts Festival will be at the Gold Canyon Elementary School from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M with artists, entertainment and food booths. We just continue to grow with 3,000.00 attendees in each of past two years.

The Artists are juried by a Committee and you will not be disappointed by the varied assortment of artwork you would be proud to have in your home, wear or give as gifts to your favorite people.

Marilyn Barton once again volunteered to Chair this marvelous event sponsored by Gold Canyon Arts Council.

Last year's Canyon Festival was one of the best. Ran very smoothly, with no glitches. Kudos to Marilyn. Now, Marilyn could not have done this without the many volunteers who gladly gave of their time to make sure this was a successful Festival.

If you have never volunteered to work at the Festival, please give it some thought. It is a wonderful, fulfilling, fun day and most volunteers are only asked to work two hours. Not a lot of time out of the day.

Give Marilyn a call and tell her you want to join in the wonderful festival that is given for the people of Gold Canyon and surrounding areas. Her number is 480-274-5500. And she would be delighted to hear from you.

Please tell your friends and neighbors to save this date for a fun filled day.

February 5th 2010

Harp Fusion - From the U of A

This highly innovative harp ensemble was named by members of the group because of its unique fusion of many different styles and cultures.

It is the largest touring concert harp ensemble in the world attaining international respect for its inspiring performances.

The repertoire of the ensemble includes classical, jazz, new age, and folk music.

All members of the ensemble are students of Carrol McLaughlin at the University of Arizona in Tuscon.

February 26, 2010
Tomaseen Foley - Irish Times

In the remote parish of Teampall an Ghleanntáin, generations of the local families left their homes and fields in the long evenings to meet their neighbors at the crossroads.

There, storytellers presided, and folks filled the Celtic twilight with the joy of their dances and the fiery music of the fiddles, bodhrans and uilleann pipes.

Tomásean and his gifted Celtic musicians, dancers and singers make those days before the motor car, the television, and the telephone, come alive once again.

March 24th 2010
Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the MountainBrook Village, Superstition Center. You will be receiving information and invitations prior to March 24th.

March 26th 2010
Washington Saxophone Quartet

You've never heard the sax played this way. Washington Saxophone Quartet are saxophone geniuses who play cool jazz, a bit of swing and maybe some blues.

Then again, if you close your eyes, you might think there is a string quartet playing Bach on stage.

A Special Concert by Music From ASU (4-19-09)

The 2008-2009 Season ended with a Special Concert in conjunction with Gold Canyon United Methodist Church.

Music from ASU featured internationally acclaimed faculty members and their top students.

For the several hundred in attendance it was an energizing performance by exceptional talent, both faculty and student. We are fortunate to have such wonderful music programs in our Universities.

The program ranged from Sopranos (one who sang an aria and finale from Act I of Lucia di Lammermoor brought down the house), to violin, cello, saxophone and piano.

Charles Szczepanek, one of Gold Canyon's own, is completing his bachelor's degree and will begin his master's in piano performance as a student of Robert Hamilton.

His Sonata in B-Flat Minor - Allegro (Paul Aurandt - 1975) was absolutely stunning.

Hopefully, they will perform for us again in the future. If so, take the time to attend. You will not be disappointed.

Note: The Washington Saxophone Quartet concert on March 26, 2010 replaces the Proteus 7 concert announced at the annual meeting. Proteus 7 was forced to cancel their touring season.

Season 2009-2010 Ticket Information

Tickets and Brochures will be available this summer.

Due to the unexpected drop in the economy, we have lowered the price of the Season Tickets.

<u>Season Tickets</u>	- Members	\$75.00
	5 performances at \$15.00 each, plus two Guest Passes.	
	- Non-Members	100.00
	5 performances at \$20.00 each, plus two Guest Passes	

<u>Advance Ticket Sales</u>	- Members	\$18.00
	- Non-Members	\$20.00
	- Students *	\$ 5.00

<u>Purchased at Door</u>	- Adults	\$25.00
	- Students *	\$ 5.00

*** Students - K through 12**

The price of these performances is a bargain. Where else can you see such exceptional talent at this price and right at your door? Use those Guest Passes to bring friends and neighbors who may not know about the Gold Canyon Arts Council presentations.

Season and/or Advanced tickets may be purchased at:

Canyon Rose Storage
6405 S. Kings Ranch Road
Gold Canyon, AZ 85218
480-983-2171

Individual Tickets can also be purchased at:

Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce
567 W. Apache Trail
Apache Junction, AZ 85218
480-982-3141

Canyon Sounds Brochures are available at Canyon Rose Storage 6405 S. Kings Ranch Rd., Gold Canyon

Pick some up and distribute them to your friends and neighbors.

All performances are held at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church on Friday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The Church is located at:
6640 S. Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon, AZ.

The Church allows us the use of their beautiful sanctuary, and as such, we would like to assist them with their community Food Distribution Program.

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items when you attend these performances.

Memberships

Spread the Word!

Roberta Russell

As a Member you enjoy the GCAC's marvelous performances and Benefits of Membership:

discounted tickets; member-only events; after concert receptions and ... you get to meet the artists!

Please tell your friends and neighbors about our Gold Canyon Arts Council and encourage them to become Members and enjoy these Benefits. Membership and ticket sales allow us to bring world class entertainment to Gold Canyon, and also support our residency program presented to students in and beyond the Gold Canyon/Apache Junction area. Membership is a win-win – spread the word!

Membership applications are available at Canyon Rose Storage or can be printed at our website www.goldcanyonarts.org. Checks should be made payable to Gold Canyon Arts Council and mailed with application to GCAC at 6641 S. Kings Ranch Road, Suite 5, Box #197, Gold Canyon AZ 85218 or dropped off at Canyon Rose Storage.

NEW/RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

Applications can be obtained at Canyon Rose Storage or through the mail. (see above)

Please fill out the form (for both new and renewals) on the Canyon Sounds Brochure so that we have current information, and please make check(s) payable to Gold Canyon Arts Council.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

Hedgehog Cactus

- Single \$25.00
- Couple \$50.00

Golden Barrel \$51.00 - \$99.00

Prickly Pear \$100.00 - \$249.00

Cholla \$250.00 - \$499.00

Ocotillo \$500.00 - \$999.00

Saguaro \$1,000.00 and up

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Discounts on Season & Individual Tickets

Discounts on Annual Prints & Posters

Concert Night Receptions: These after concert socials, restricted to members, offer the opportunity to meet and interact with the performer on a more personal and intimate note. Members can obtain tickets at Canyon Rose Storage one week prior to the performance.

Socials / Fall Brunch / Holiday Open House

To host any of the After Concert Receptions, the Fall Brunch or the Holiday Open House, please contact Sara Kukuk at 602-628-2807 or e-mail saracoaz@msn.com

Guest Passes: If you elect to become a member at the Prickly Pear level or above, the Council will furnish two concert Guest Passes for a concert of your choice. Use them to treat friends and family and spread the enjoyment of Canyon Sounds.

Ticket Exchange: A Canyon Sounds ticket is always good for Council members. If, for any reason, you cannot make a performance for which you purchased an advance ticket, simply bring the unused ticket to Canyon Rose Storage or to the box office on a concert night and exchange it for the concert of your choice.

If you have questions about the Council, its activities, or its volunteer opportunities, please e-mail to:

gca@goldcanyonarts.com or contact our Ticket and Information Office, Phone 480-983-2171, Fax 480-983-3325.

School Residencies

The designated resident ensemble of the Gold Canyon Arts Council, The Pro Arts Trio, presents residency programs in the local schools to promote creativity through music.

The group, through live performances on various instruments, demonstrates the composer's use of imagery, elements of form, the historical development of music, and cultural and regional influences on music.

Canyon Sounds season artists also contract to provide residency activities. The combined outreach is a season total of twenty plus residencies in the community and schools stretching from Apache Junction and Gold Canyon, south to Coolidge, and east past Globe to Hayden and Winkelman and the San Carlos Apache districts.

For the past two years, there have been over 4,000 Students each year participating in GCAC's Residency Program.

This is a marvelous program and to have touched the lives of so many students is just terrific.

Think of the many, many students who may never have had a chance to interact with artists of international acclaim, and the impact it may have on their lives.

We can always use volunteers for this program and it is very fulfilling to work with these students who are so anxious to learn all about the various aspects of the arts.

Please contact Sandy Wash at 480-983-1791 or e-mail to sanbillw@aol.com

Larry and Becky Roth receive the Jack Kukuk Award for Advancing the Arts in the Superstitions



[Arts Funding at Risk](#)

I only bring this up because of it's impact on our Council and the students who would not have access to our wonderful Residency Program

Arizona Legislative Leadership proposed virtual elimination of the Arts Commission with the release of their 2010 budget last week.

While the Arts industry understands these are difficult times and that budget reductions are unavoidable, the proposed cuts would destroy an agency that provides critical support through programs, services and grants to an already stressed arts industry.

These cuts would eliminate all public funding for the arts programs throughout the State.

Please contact your local Congress Person and tell them how you feel about eliminating a crucial part of the Arts.

[Annual Meeting 3-25-09](#)

80 people were present at the meeting including all Board Members.

Musical Entertainment during the reception was provided by Steve Harris (piano) and Leroy Wolter (Sax, Clarinet)

Ron Craft and Jim Mosier tended the wine bar.

Only a week before the annual meeting, Karen Rave graciously took over the duties of putting the food together with the assistance of Sherri Harris, Trish Mosier, Georgia Kirkpatrick, Margaret Colmer, Carole Lindemann, Nancy Bilensky, and Doloris Benjamin. It was an excellent meal and a job well done.

President Rave called the meeting to order.

Three of the last four Annual Meetings of the Gold Canyon Arts Council have featured Student Art Exhibits from local schools. This year, the best in art from Thunder Mountain Middle School was on display.

A new dimension was added this year with Arts Council member, Mary Stockrocki, Professor of Art Education at Arizona State University, partnering with Middle School art teacher Tina Harshman, to challenge students to reflect our environment in art. More than 150 students participated, with ten student creations selected for display at our Annual Meeting.

GCAC judges Carla Gibson and Sherri Harris chose two that were "Outstanding." The two student artists, Cathi D'Elia and Gianna Fierros, were present at the meeting, and given certificates and prizes. The remaining students were presented certificates (prepared by Kay Olsson) at the Apache Junction School Board Meeting.

The minutes of the March 19, 2008 Annual Meeting were accepted as submitted.

Sandy Wash (Treasurer) provided a financial report indicating a February 28, 2009 Total Asset Balance of \$29,316.28. A proposed 2009-2010 Budget of \$59,000 was unanimously approved by the membership.

President Rave explained the proposed changes to the by-laws would have memberships extend for a 12 month period following dues payment. Current by-laws have the membership period corresponding to the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). It was moved by Don Blank and Seconded by Mary Anderson, that the proposed by-law changes be approved. Motion passed unanimously. See attached amendment.

Don Blank, in Leland Wilson's absence, presented the nominees for the Board:

Robert Homann (Incumbent) for 3 year term
Georgia Kirkpatrick for 3 year term
Don Parker (Incumbent) for 3 year term
Roberta Russell for 2 year term

The nominees were unanimously elected by the membership

State of the Council: President Rave thanked the many members who helped to make the annual meeting successful. and spoke on the state of the Council indicating the following:

We have nearly 200 members and seem to be sustaining our membership

The Board has provided speakers in the community to Rotary Club, GC Business Association, etc. throughout the year and distributed flyers/programs regarding our programs and activities.

Our income and expenses were close to the estimates this year. We expect to receive over \$12,000 in grants this year but we are expecting fewer grants next year given the current economic conditions. The Board is looking to find concert sponsors from businesses and possibly from the membership.

Over 1200 people have attended our concerts to date this season. School Residencies have been conducted for more than 3800 students so far.

The after concert parties are very successful. The Board will provide up to \$100 to the party hosts to help cover party costs and \$150 for the Welcome Back and the Holiday Party hosts.

President Rave reminded members that the after concert party hosts can limit the number of people to attend through the issuance of tickets.

The new Board plans to have a retreat to discuss/clarify the roles and expectations of members and volunteers.

President Rave stated that it is the volunteering of many members that is responsible for the growth and vigor of the Council making it one of the largest (and best) in the State.

Awards Presentation: Sara Kukuk presented certificates to retiring Board members Don Blank and Nancy Bilensky, thanking them for their dedicated service.

A certificate of appreciation and gratitude was given to retiring member, President Wally Rave for his leadership and dedicated service to the Arts Council and Gold Canyon Community.

The Jack Kukuk Award for Advancing the Arts in the Superstitions was presented to Becky & Larry Roth.
(Photo above)

Becky and Larry have unselfishly devoted many hours to support the Council activities including serving as Board Treasurer, serving on Festival committees including Festival Chair, public relations, advertising, speaker's bureau, and everything/anything that needed volunteer help.

The beautiful sculpture presented to them was designed and created by member Jerry Thacker.

Canyon Sounds Season: Dr. Kukuk indicated that when developing the concert season, he was looking for quality and internationally known artists or performers that were not available locally. The 2009-2010 season is comprised of the following:

Brad Richter—classical Guitar Player

John O'Connor—Irish pianist

University of Arizona's HarpFusion—Harp ensemble

Tomaseen Foley—Irish Times

Proteus 7—Chamber music

Open Forum:

Leroy Wolter requested that members complete the volunteer sheet and return it to Canyon Rose Storage or any Board member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

FROM THE PREZ (Annual Meeting remarks)

A few extra thoughts on this past year

Nancy Bilensky has been maintaining our historical records (if you haven't yet, spend a moment and enjoy our scrapbooks).

Rayna Palmer has been fussing over our membership records.

Don Blank is guardian of our name tags.

We're managing to weather any fallout thrown at us by the economic situation and its emotional impact. Why that may be, I cannot say or even guess, but it may suggest that the Council and what it does is valued by this community.

At last count we had nearly 200 individuals as members; only

a few from last year will not be with us during the next. This count indicates that we're sustaining membership well, though we have not increased membership much in recent years.

As usual, many GC residents claim not to have heard of us, so we all need to continue to spread the word, to friends and neighbors. Don't be bashful! Try to help us distribute our concert brochures around your neighborhood next fall, for instance.

Financially, we've been remarkably stable; even this year, with an added concert, it appears our expenses and income will be close to projections.

Because of the skills of Jim Mosier and Jack Kukuk we have continued to see growth in grants from the AZ. Commission on the Arts (which in part are funds channeled from the National Endowment for the Arts), this year totaling more than \$8000. Next year, however, it is all but certain that our grant money from the Commission will be much less, assuming there will be any at all.

The Budget Committee, under Sandy Wash's leadership, has made prudent alterations in projected expenditures. Back to five concerts a year, for one thing.

More corporate support, including sponsorship of concerts, has been a subject of much effort by Bob Homann and others, with success in the case of Gold Canyon Bank, and Superstition Mountain Development who donated rooms for the St. Petersburg string quartet.

We also continue to receive \$1500 from SRP for the Festival; an amount we hope and expect should grow considerably.

But we as individuals will need to step up, as well, if we're to maintain viability.

So far this season, attendance at our five concerts to date has been nearly 1200, with one event remaining. We have, as last year, reached an amazing number of schoolchildren, AJ, Globe, Coolidge, San Carlos on the reservation and even the Middle School in Ray! So our total attendance, by Jack Kukuk's account, is well over 4500 – with one performance to go on this Friday.

Thank you to the hosts of the Annual Socials and After-Concert receptions. Jim & Trish Mosier (Fall Brunch), Eoline & Skip Cary, Sherri & Steve Harris, Bob & Dorothy Homann, Rayna & Merle Palmer (Holiday), The Faths and the Wolters, Emily & Stanley York, Wally & Karen Rave.

Some personal comments on parties:

Some parties may be getting too elaborate on food:. No one should expect a free late supper.

No hard liquor should be expected, either.

Hosts can be assured that folks can be asked and will volunteer to bring food items.

Hosts can limit the number of attendees, Since most folks stand, having sat during the concert, forty of us can fit comfortably into fairly small locales, but fewer are OK.

Tickets & directions for after-concert parties become available at Canyon Rose Storage during the week of the event, first come first served.

In other Board action this year, certain policies regarding the Art Festival were established or firmed up. In part this was at the request of our co-chair persons, Debbie Lee and Marilyn Barton, who, with abundant volunteer support from the rest of us, produced what I consider to have been our most successful festival yet, even though attendance might have been down a bit. In all, 90 artists and over 70 volunteers participated - and - it didn't hail again!

There's no way I can even begin to acknowledge by name the many volunteers who make this organization work. You know who you are, and why you do it.

As soon-to-be-past-president, however, I urge you to consider serving on the Council's Board of Directors; this is where you really learn how amazing this organization and its accomplishments are.

Starting at its first meeting, the new Board will be reorganizing and evaluating the duties of members, so that there are not unequal responsibilities.

And we always need others to help with publicity and the like, to complement the work of Jim Mosier and the Roths and the facilitations of members like Thomas Preiss.

It's not accidental that the GCAC is considered the finest organization of its sort in the state.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President for these past two years.

Wally

Additional Information

At the April 2009 Board Meeting, the following Board Members were elected as your new officers:.

President - Bob Homann
Vice president - Sandra Wash
Secretary - Georgia Kirkpatrick
Treasurer - Skip Cary

National Day of the Cowboy

GCAC will be selling Kohler lithographs at this event and invite you to attend.

The event will be held on July 25th at Goldfield Ghost Town, as well as other locations around the county.

Announcements:

Address change for the council due to the postal center relocation. New address:
6641 S Kings Ranch Road #5, Box 197
Gold Canyon, AZ 85218-2903

Sorry this is so long, but take time to read all. There is some interesting information included.

Final Attendance Figures for 2008 - 2009

Concert Attendance:
In Gold Canyon: 1657
In Coolidge: 301

Residency attendance: 4165

Number of School Residencies: 18

Number of Adult Residencies: 3

Schools Impacted:

Globe USD Bus In
Coolidge USD Bus In
Apache Junction USD Bus In
Globe High Desert Middle School
Apache Junction USD Bus In to GCUMC
San Carlos Intermediate School
Superior - Kennedy School
Chandler High School
Keno Jr High and Skyline HS Bus In to GCUMC
Mesquite Jr High
Ray Middle School 6th -8th grades
Desert Vista Elem School 3rd -5th Grades
AJUSD High School
Peralta Elementary school
Coolidge High School
Thunder Mountain Middle School
Gold Canyon Elementary School
School evaluation/follow-up session

Adult Residency GCUMC
Senior Workshop MBV Superstition Center

Since our first short season in the winter of 1998, the Gold Canyon Arts council has:

Presented 69 concerts by professional artists with attendance of 14676,

Sponsored 9 Canyon Arts Festivals attended by 21755,

Presented 123 residency activities to 19225 students and adults,

Afforded 1246 artists the opportunity to perform or display their work.

Fantastic!

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