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TUCSON POPS ORCHESTRA “MUSIC UNDER THE STARS”™ BEGINS ON MOTHER’S DAY

The opening of the spring season of free Tucson Pops Concerts in the Park begins Sunday, May 10. Under the direction of Maestro László Veres, the Orchestra celebrates its 61st year of performing free Concerts in the Park. The public is invited to enjoy "Music Under the Stars" at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, in Reid Park, on Sunday evenings beginning at 7 p.m., through May 31. The concert schedule is as follows:

May 10 - Mother's Day Concert "Stars of the Future" - Guest Artist - Lucas Buterbaugh, cello. Buerbaugh is outstanding young Tucson talent from Catalina Foothills High School who has received rave reviews and competitions for his performances around the state, including the Arizona All State Orchestra. Buterbaugh will perform the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto No.1 with the orchestra. The orchestra will perform selections from "The Sound of Music," "Ragtime Selection," "My Yiddishe Momme" and more.

May 17 - Tucson Boys Chorus Guest: Tucson Boys Chorus, Julian Ackerly, Director. The internationally-acclaimed group will sing selections of some of its favorite tunes including "Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes." The orchestra will perform selections from "Annie," "Peer Gynt's "In the Hall of the Mountain King," and more. www.boyschorus.org.

May 24 - Memorial Day Concert featuring special Guest star, Crystal Stark. Stark is an award-winning R&B/jazz/pop singer who, among her many other artistic accomplishments, was an American Idol Finalist in season five. Locally, Crystal performs with many groups including The Crystal Stark Quintet. She also teaches music at Acacia Elementary School and teaches private voice and piano lessons at her home studio. For her performance with the Tucson Pops, she will sing "At Last," "Keep the Faith," an original composition written by Ms. Stark. For more information, visit www.crystalstarkmusic.com. In a special salute to Memorial Day, the Tucson Pops Orchestra will feature a variety of patriotic, soul-stirring numbers, including the "Hymn to the Fallen" and the "Armed Forces Salute."

May 31 - Guest Artists: Sons of Orpheus under the direction of Grayson Hirst with guest vocalist Lindsey McHugh. Under the direction of Grayson Hirst, the Sons of Orpheus is Tucson's premier male chorus, celebrating its 24th anniversary this year. In concert with the Tucson Pops Orchestra, they will perform several choral numbers, as well as two accompanied by Lindsey McHugh (soprano) a senior at the University of Arizona School of Music, studying

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The spring 2015 concert series is sponsored by Long Realty Companies, the Marshall Foundation, the Friends of the Pops and Tucson Parks and Recreation with additional support from the Arizona Commission on the Arts with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. The DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center is located off Country Club just north of 22nd Street. Parking is available at the Randolph Park Golf Course parking lot, Alvernon Way just north of 22nd Street, with shuttle service to the band shell beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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- Who:** Music Lovers and Families
- What:** Free concerts "Music Under the Stars" for the whole family
- When:** Sundays, May 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 7 p.m.
- Where:** Reid Park, George DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, 900 S. Randolph Way
- Parking:** Parking at Reid Park is limited and will fill up quickly. Alternate parking will be provided at Hi Corbett or a shuttle service is available from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. from the Randolph Golf Course at 600 S. Alvernon Way.

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