

# Canyon Sounds

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## *From the President*



What a wonderful Canyon Sounds Season we've had!! Our final performance is the award-winning tap dancing & fiddlers: **The Fitzgerald Family**. It promises to be an energetic, foot tapping evening. Please plan to join us. If you have guest tickets, please invite friends or

neighbors to join you.

And, you've received your invitation to the March 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at MountainBrook's Superstition Center which is always a joyous event. It will be great to celebrate this year in person. The evening includes a summary of our year, the presentation of candidates for Board of Director positions, and the always fun, Silent Auction. The items available are original art pieces contributed by our festival artists. The Board also decided to reinstate the **Village People** award for contributions to the community. This will be presented to Ray Soden and Jessie Mansur, who for years have published **Superstition Living** magazine, in appreciation of its support of arts in the area. Another highlight of the evening is the presentation of the **Jack Kukuk Award**. This prestigious award is given annually in recognition of 'Advancing the Arts in the Superstitions'.

So---please join fellow members for a memorable evening of celebration.

## Upcoming Arts Council Events

- **March 11, 2022 The Fitzgerald Family**
- **March 20, 2022 GCAC Annual Meeting-4:00pm**

**NOTE: Concerts start at 7:00 pm this season a change from 7:30pm past years**

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## *2022-2023 GCAC Board Candidates*

*(Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting 3/20/2022)*



### **Marit Runyon**

M.A. in Liberal Arts from University of Oslo, Norway. Marit has resided in Arizona for 21 years. She is a photographer and artist, an educator and social worker with a strong belief in online learning and social networking. Currently she is the “Art Action for Adults” Project Director. Marit had a solo exhibition at Dreams of Legends Gallery, and has work on public display in the local community.



### **Pam Ingram**

Born and raised in Decatur, Illinois, we raised our family in Colorado Springs, CO. Bob and I have four great grandchildren, six grandchildren and three children. Our son and family live in Mesa so sometimes you see the boys at GCUMC with their parents when they are not attending Chinese Christian Church. I volunteer at their school teaching higher level math such as Algebra to second graders. I was a teacher, counselor, administrator, and consultant for AZ Department of Education. We have lived in MBV Gold Canyon since 2002 but were winter visitors since 1998. As an active member of the Gold Canyon Garden Club I invite you to the butterfly garden at the school (GC Community Church?) by Kings Ranch Road. I look forward to learning and serving on the board of the Gold Canyon Arts Council.

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(Board candidates continued)



## John Nuss

John started his musical journey in Ohio with piano lessons at age seven, cornet lessons at age nine and French horn in seventh grade. He graduated with a degree in public school music, emphasis on French horn from Heidelberg College (now Heidelberg University) in Tiffin, Ohio. After graduation he taught elementary, junior high and high school band, elementary, junior high, and high school choir. He has directed church choirs, community choirs, and community bands.

Currently John performs in Agape Brass Quintet, East Valley Pops Orchestra, and the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church choir, and conducts the Dolce Vita Sweet Life Singers.

John started working with the Gold Canyon Arts Council as a liaison with the council and the Apache Junction Schools, not long after the group was organized. John and his wife, Kathy, often hosted members of the children's choirs that performed as a part of the world-wide children's choir festivals sponsored by Jack Kukuk and the GCAC. After several years John returned to GCAC as the Residency Chair, responsible for scheduling GCAC performances in area schools - from the San Carlos reservation to the east valley.

When he is not spending time in Arts Council endeavors, singing and playing in the above mentioned groups, singing and playing the guitar with friends, he's probably in the garage maintaining the pair of Triumph Spitfires belonging to him and his wife.



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## *GCAC History*

*(an excerpt from Jack's article in the Canyon Sounds brochure)*



As we near the conclusion of the 25<sup>th</sup> season (2021-2022) of the Gold Canyon Arts Council, it is only appropriate that we pause for a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of the past 24 years. The first four-part Canyon Sounds season began in August 1997. The founding group consisted of Jack, his wife Sara, and nine like-minded community members who would assess the community's interest in establishing a concert season in Gold Canyon. The initial concert was a choral concert titled "Children of the World in Harmony".

As we conclude 25 seasons, including last year's Virtual Concert Season, we have many impressive statistics that may surprise you. To date, we have had 40,000 people attend 145 concerts presented by 2,485 professional, world class performers. These and other artists have presented 300 in-school residency events including masterclasses, workshops, and in-school performances to more than 56,000 students and teachers. Since 2002, the Lead Guitar programs have offered free lessons and has provided more than 50 guitars and 35 ukuleles for use in the schools for an estimated 650 students. Our more than forty Leland Wilson in-school Vision Art Masterclasses have reached an estimated 370 students.

The Gold Canyon Arts Festivals have, since 1997 reached an audience of approximately 60,000 persons and have presented hundreds of artists, musicians, and dancers for the enjoyment of these patrons. The grand total of attendees touched by the Gold Canyon Arts Council's programs over the past 24 years has exceeded 160,000.

This year, the GCAC Board has approved new Lifelong Learning in the arts classes for adults. They have also approved the establishment of "Arts for Education" scholarships for high school students.

Sara and I extend our congratulations to Carole Lindemann, GCAC President (2021-2022) and all of the Board Members, past and present for their leadership and forward thinking. It has been a great ride so far. Let's keep up the good work as we conclude this 25<sup>th</sup> season and begin the journey for the next 25 years.

Jack Kukuk, PhD  
Co-Founder and Artistic Director Gold Canyon Arts Council

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## *2022 Annual Meeting Invitation*

*Sunday, March 20, 2022 4:00-7:00pm*

*MountainBrook Superstition Center*

*(5782 MountainBrook Dr, Gold Canyon)*

<i>Doors open, Members Reception, Silent Auction</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>
<i>Appetizers (please bring an appetizer to share)</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
<i>Business Meeting of Members</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>

*Please bring an appetizer to share. Desserts will be provided.*

### *DIRECTIONS*

- Off of Hwy 60, go North on MountainBrook Dr (mile marker 202)*
- Go approx. 1/4 mile until you see the marquee on your left at 5782*
- After the marquee, turn left, Superstition Center is the large building on your left*

*Celebrating another year of bringing arts and culture to the Gold Canyon Community*

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## *Brothers Four Concert 2/11/2022*

Joining the Brothers Four for two songs were many singers from Gold Canyon and nearby communities. The Brothers Four introduced them as “The Brothers Four Chorus”. GCAC Board Member and Education Committee Chairperson John Nuss conducted the choir.





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