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From the President

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

I hope many of you were able to attend the John O'Conor concert. I was able to also attend the teaching lecture and master class

with students on Saturday. The talent of the students was exceptional. The increased depth of feeling and understanding John was able to share with them was truly amazing.

At this special time of year may music lift your spirits, heal your heart and clear your head. May the busy times of the season be mellowed with your favorite sounds. Remember GCAC performances bring the comfort and joy of music to you.

I was going to list all the functions of the Arts Festival Chair but wasn't sure there was enough room. Special thanks to Carole and her volunteers for our upcoming Arts Festival. If you have not yet volunteered please contact Carole.(See page 2)

Thank you to Terry and Linda Storbakken for membership and our newsletter. This too is a challenging task because it can be like herding cats to receive the articles and then assemble them to be mailed out in a timely fashion. Thank you Terry and Linda.

May this be a joyous time for you, your family and friends.

Pam Ingram

Upcoming Events

1/13/23-Folk Legacy Trio 1/28/23-GC Arts Festival 2/10/23-Blacket Market Trust 2/24/23-The Fitzgeralds 3/24/23-Black Oak Ensemble

TBD-Annual Meeting

(Performances begin at 7:00 pm at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon)





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It is Festival Time

The 22nd Annual Gold Canyon Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 on the grounds of the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church. It is a spectacular day with talented juried artists, musical performances, and a variety of delicious food from which to choose.

We often hear from our participants that this event is the 'best one-day show' in the area. These high marks are because of the 80 plus volunteers who are present during the day. **These volunteers are YOU!** Planning for the Festival begins in June but now is the time when we need your help.

What follows are some areas where you might choose to participate.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023 1:00 PM

- Marking the booth spaces (involves some stooping)
- Partial set-up of Council tents & tables
- Setting up chairs in front of the stage
- Using 'traffic cones' to designate no parking areas
- Staging tables/chairs in Education Bldg for use of guests while eating
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Saturday, January 28, 2023

- Early Bird Parking Crew-arrives at 6:00 am to assist artists find their correct unloading area
- Stage set-up
- Hospitality-in the am give booth numbers to artists and throughout the day, be available to 'booth sit' to allow artists a break (no selling). If interested contact: Marit Runyan <u>maritrunyan@gmail.com</u> 602-670-1178. These volunteers may also pick up the Artist's contributions for our Arts Education Programs.
- Clean Up-Everone's favorite. This involves taking down the tents, returning tables to narthex, stacking chairs for pick-up, checking for trash and reloading vehicles with Festival supplies & removing tent placement marks from blacktop and gravel areas.

Please contact Marit or me with your choices or questions.

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New GCAC Supporter



Under new ownership, **Oldie's Ice Cream**, at the Bashas' Shopping Center, is now allowing us to place our Canyon Sounds posters on their storefront. Located between Domino's Pizza and Bomb Bru Coffer (formerly Gecko's), this is a high traffic and visible spot. Please express your appreciation by stopping by and enjoying an ice cream, shake, malt, etc in their wonderful 50's retro atmosphere!

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2023 Arts Festival Poster

(Submitted by Carole Lindemann) Jeri Messamore--Our Festival Poster Artist

Our 2023 Festival Poster is once again created by the talent of **Jeri Messamore**. It is displayed in businesses and communities in the Gold Canyon, Apache Junction areas and will be featured on the cover of **Superstition Living magazine**. In visiting with her for this article, I enjoyed hearing that she started drawing as a small child and sees her whole life as 'doing art'. Art for Jeri is a lifestyle and is reflected not only in her creations but her home and yard as well.

Her formal degree is in Commercial Art but her work is largely self-taught. She grew up in Washington and commented that it is 'wet & white' which confirms her preference for Arizona. She is known for her Old West Cowgirl paintings but has worked in many mediums. The festival poster is a digital creation and she shared that it is a different way to use her mind and creativity. I also discovered that Jeri has displayed her art in almost all our Arts Festivals going back to the days when we were at the elementary school that is now Gold Canyon Community Church. Stop by her booth on the 28th and "hi and thanks".



2022-2023 Canyon Sounds Series



The Folk Legacy Trio-Experience the Great Folk Era January 13, 2023

The Folk Legacy Trio sings the songs of the great Folk Era from the '50s through the mid-'70s, including songs from The Weavers, The Kingston Trio, The Limeliters, Peter, Paul & Mary, The New

Christy Minstrels, The Brothers Four, The Chad Mitchell Trio, Tom Paxton, Judy Collins, Joan Baez, Gordon Lightfoot, Simon & Garfunkel, John Denver, and many others. It is a journey through American Musical History with their signature dynamic harmonies enriching some of the most beloved songs ever.

The members of the Folk Legacy Trio are George Grove, formerly with the **Kingston Trio** for 41 years, Rich Dougherty, former member of the **Limeliters** and **Kingston Trio** for 25 years and Jerry Siggins, former lead singer of **The Diamonds** for 27 years.



Black Market Trust February 10, 2023

The Black Market Trust is an American traditional pop/vocal Jazz group from Los Angeles who combine the sounds of the legendary American crooners and vocal groups with the fire and energy of Gypsy Jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt.

Consisting of five world class musicians who have traveled the globe recording and performing on the world's biggest stages and with music's most renowned artists, **The Black**

Market Trust delivers a high energy, crowd pleasing performance filled with some of the best songs ever written.

The show features material from The Great American Songbook infused with Django's romantic and virtuosic flavor. Be transported as they meld two distinctly different vibesone of a gypsy campfire, the other a slick metropolitan nightclub-into a cohesive, stylish sound.



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The Fitzgeralds Canadian Fiddle and Step Dance Ensemble February 24, 2023

The members of The Fitzgeralds have been performing and touring since 2005. Featuring three-time Canadian Grandmaster Fiddle Champions and Ontario Open Step Dance Champions, The Fitzgeralds have a proven track record for providing an inspirational and upbeat show

with wide audience appeal.

The Fitzgeralds present an eclectic program, which blends traditional jigs and reels, bluegrass, jazz, Celtic and show-stopping Ottawa-Valley step dancing. Vocal arrangements, novelty routines and friendly family banter make this a truly unforgettable musical experience.

NOTE: Each of the artists scheduled will present in-school concerts, masterclasses and workshops.



Black Oak Ensemble March 24, 2023

Praised for their insightful and masterful performances and their fierce eloquence, the **Black Oak Ensemble** is one of the most innovative and exciting chamber ensembles on the international stage. Black Oak presents exciting programs from Bach to the music of today. Passionate advocates of new works, they have commissioned and premiered string trios from several

renowned contemporary composers.

In addition to their active performance schedule, the Black Oak Ensemble has also put down roots in the south of France, co-founding <u>Musique Dans Le Gers</u>, a musical festival that provides an opportunity to work with young artists and share their experiences and music with the community. The ensemble is named for the black oak, a beautiful tree native to its home state of Illinois.



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