



An all-volunteer, non-profit organization bringing great music experiences to our community since 1992.

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Photo ID: Superstar cellist Lynn Harrell performing with the Arizona Musicfest All-Star Orchestra conducted by Robert Moody. Arizona Musicfest volunteers organize concerts like the 2009 *Lynn Harrell in Concert*, as well as many other programs and special events. Photo credit: Arizona Musicfest

Photo ID: The "Instrument Petting Zoo" attracted kids and grown-ups at the Arizona Musicfest 2009 Spring Family Concert featuring the Musica Nova orchestra. The Family Concert is one of many events organized by Arizona Musicfest volunteers. Photo credit: Pat Cohen / Arizona Musicfest

Breakfast at Musicfest It's more than a bagel & OJ

Breakfast at Musicfest, a new community volunteer experience, kicks off with a Volunteer Fair on November 4, 9 a.m. at Harris Trust Bank. A monthly morning gathering for music-loving and community-spirited people, *Breakfast at Musicfest*, from Arizona Musicfest, offers opportunities that are not found anywhere else.

Arizona Musicfest is a nonprofit organization that presents an annual winter music festival with nationally-acclaimed guest artists of the classical, Broadway, and jazz worlds, and its very own All-Star Orchestra composed of first-tier musicians from top orchestras around the country. Arizona Musicfest also provides performance opportunities for promising young musicians, lively family concerts, and supports a daily music program, *Musicfest Minutes*, for elementary school students.

Volunteers have a chance to work at once-in-a-lifetime events, concerts with superstar musicians like Lynn Harrell and André Watts; or heartwarming events like the Spring Family Concert. Participating in the music education program, *Musicfest Minutes* is another unique way to make an impact on the community, with Valley-wide potential. "There are so many varied opportunities at Arizona Musicfest, going to the Volunteer Fair is worth your time," says Lynn Bowers, Arizona Musicfest Managing Director.

"Our volunteers are the 'Heart and Soul' of Arizona Musicfest. We are a very friendly group, and we welcome new volunteers each season" says Volunteer Chairman Fran Rosenthal.

The Volunteer Committee gathers at *Breakfast at Musicfest*, the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the Harris Trust Bank. It is a good time to meet your fellow volunteers and learn "What's New" in Arizona Musicfest. "Your interest and talents are appreciated at Arizona Musicfest, so if you can't make the Volunteer Fair or 9 a.m. monthly meetings, please call 480.488.0806 and talk to me," says Fran.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Usher at concerts & special events
- Assist office staff with ticket sales & clerical tasks
- Staff the "Will Call" desk at concerts
- Join the Education Committee's *Musicfest Minutes* in 4 school districts
- Mentor with the *Young Artists Concert & Young Musicians Competition*
- Help with *The Young Performers Recital Series at Steinway Hall*
- Maximize fundraising efforts
- Sell advertising for the Festival program book
- Provide bed & breakfast for a visiting musician during All-Star Orchestra week
- Write for our various publications
- Increase our marketing efforts
- Host an Arizona Musicfest Musicale in your home
- Participate in special events like the Winter Gala

The Harris Trust Bank is located at 34525 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale 85266. There is ample parking for volunteers a few steps beyond the Bank's reserved parking. Visit www.azmusicfest.org for more information about Arizona Musicfest, including the concert schedule for 2009-2010.