

# Clubs



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Members of the Cowgirls Historical Foundation, pictured with Desert Foothills Land Trust volunteers Pat Cohen and Gary Cohen, enjoy the Sonoran Symphony April 26. The event benefits the DFLT. Back row from left, Karsyn Sprauge, Nicole Bonilla, Ashley Mentzer, Crystal Wood and Cassandra Jennings. Front row from left, Kayla Gomez, Taryn Brady and Shanna Luster.

## Symphony event raises \$50K for Desert Foothills Land Trust

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Guests at the April 26 "Sonoran Symphony" event at the Rancho Mañana Golf Club report having a blast at the fundraising event benefiting the Desert Foothills Land Trust.

Concert headliner Cody Bryant's Riders of the Purple Sage delivered western soul with Hollywood polish, playing wonderful old tunes like "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Don't Fence Me In," "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "Cool Water" and the galloping "Orange Blossom Special," while sharing anecdotes and providing comic relief with "Nobody Kisses Their Horse Anymore."

The band shared the stage with the Symphony of the Southwest. With Cal Stewart Kellogg conducting, the orchestra opened the concert with a powerful "America the Beautiful," followed by the iconic "The Magnificent Seven," selections from "Oklahoma," and "Serenata."

Surrounded by the magnifi-

cent music and setting, it was as if the 550 guests were inside a classic western, but with much better food served up by Tonto Bar & Grill.

The symphony played four pieces, then the Riders came on for their set. The Symphony then played three more selections, "Light Calvary Overture," "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Pops Hoedown" before both groups played six pieces together.

"The \$50,000 raised by the 'Sonoran Symphony' event will enable the Desert Foothills Land Trust to pursue important land protection projects in the north valley including protection of private land through conservation easement and expansion of the Saguaro Hill preserve" said Greg Gamble, Desert Foothills Land Trust's executive director.

He added the success of the "Sonoran Symphony" also enables the Desert Foothills Land Trust to support Conserving Arizona's Land and Water, a citizens' initiative

to reform how State Trust Lands are managed in Arizona.

If passed in November, the initiative would protect roughly 10,000 acres of critical State land in the Desert Foothills Land Trust's area of interest, and 570,000 acres statewide.

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