

# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## First FOM concert draws large crowd

A total of 223 music lovers packed the Wickenburg Community Center for Moscow Nights' second trip to Wickenburg last Sunday (Oct. 11).

It might have been a record for the first concert of the season. The performance was so well received in March 2005 that Friends of Music (FOM) in Wickenburg felt compelled to bring the trio back.

Vitaly Bezrodnov, Sergey Rudov and Anton Fadeev entertained the audience with music, comedy, and the history of their instruments.

The musicians have performed together across the United States and separately around the world with other groups. They are all graduates of their respective conservatories, spending time in school equal to that of one who becomes a doctor in our country. They have done research into traditional Russian folk music and play a unique program of a culture that had almost lost its original identity.

A highlight of the afternoon was when seven members of the audience, adults and children, came up on stage to accompany the musicians with some interesting instru-

ments. The crowd roared with enthusiasm for the set, and the amateur musicians seem to have a good time also.

FOM members were delighted at the number of children who attended the concert, probably the most since the children's concert. Some of the children are involved in music lessons in school or private lessons. FOM encourages young people to attend the free concerts for their own enjoyment and possibly adding to the pool of future musicians.

Moscow Nights received a standing ovation at the end of the concert. Patrons flocked into the reception area to meet with the performers on a one-to-one basis.

Decorating the banquet room was the artwork of Sharon King, in acrylic, collage and oils. King has participated in art shows in South Carolina and the Florida Keys and considers her greatest achievement being a founding member of Bougainvillea House Gallery in Marathon, Fla.

The next free concert is Blue, Blues, and Boogie with Joe Bourne on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 pm in the Community Center.