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SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES THE CONRAD PREBYS 2023 SUMMER SEASON AT THE RADY SHELL AT JACOBS PARK™

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San Diego, CA (March 5, 2023) — The San Diego Symphony announced today its **Conrad Prebys 2023 Summer Season of concerts at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park**. Now in its third season, the orchestra's waterfront venue opened in August 2021 and has captured worldwide media attention for its stunning views and state-of-the-art concert experience. This season's thrilling lineup will run **June through the end of September**, finishing just before the San Diego Symphony returns to a renovated Jacobs Music Center for the first Season back in its historic indoor home. From classical concerts to movies in film, jazz, R&B, Broadway and rock, this year's season will bring some of the world's greatest talents to San Diego and feature Music Director Rafael Payare with the amazing San Diego Symphony Orchestra for the Opening Night Concert celebration.

"As we announce the third summer season of concerts at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park we continue our commitment to featuring programming that reflects and connects with all of San Diego," said **San Diego Symphony CEO Martha Gilmer**. "I am always heartened to meet people from all over our region, and indeed visitors to San Diego, who reflect on their first and repeated experiences at this venue. Our wish for this year is that many will return again and again, and that even more individuals will find their way to The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park as a place they belong, and as a place that belongs to everyone."

Recently called one of the "country's coolest concert venues" by *Forbes*, The Rady Shell is back in full force for its third summer of concerts. Beginning with its Opening Night classical concert on June 30 the San Diego Symphony Orchestra will kick off the season with Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances* and the **West Coast Premiere of Roberto Sierra's *Salseando*** featuring **trumpet player Pacho Flores and conducted by Music Director Rafael Payare**. The following night, San Diego rock n' roll favorites **The Beach Boys** will once more grace The Rady Shell stage, in a hit-filled presentation that's sure to have you dancing along and ready to have "fun, fun, fun" all summer. Rounding out the **opening weekend** of The Rady Shell Conrad Prebys 2023 Summer Season is the Symphony's presentation of **ARETHA: A Tribute**



on July 2, taking us through the repertoire of one of music's greatest artists, featuring a star-studded guest artist lineup and the San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

San Diego Symphony Music Director Rafael Payare said "I'm so happy to take you on a colorful symphonic journey for our opening concert at The Rady Shell this summer. When we programmed this concert, we really thought about opening our season with a set of works sharing the excitement and thrill found in all forms of dance. I look forward to seeing everyone there and sharing the stage with my friend and the amazing trumpet player Pacho Flores."

Season Highlights Include:

Chart-Topping Artists with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra

This summer will feature talent from all genres of music joining the San Diego Symphony Orchestra on The Rady Shell stage. Artist highlights with the orchestra include Broadway actress and recording artist Capathia Jenkins in *ARETHA: A Tribute* (July 2) and *Clouds In My Coffee: The Trailblazing Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King and Carly Simon* (Aug 5); Alternative-Rock band and recent Carnegie Hall performers Guster (July 29); San Diego favorites, Mariachi Los Camperos return for a concert (July 30); GRAMMY® award-winning songstress Judy Collins and talented jazz recording artist Madeleine Peyroux will perform a selection of hits (Aug 18); a night of favorite jazz tunes in *When The Saints Go Marching In* with Byron Stripling (Aug 20); and an array of notable Broadway melodies in conductor Rob Fisher's *Broadway Romance*, featuring vocalists Mikaela Bennett and Ross Lekites (Aug 25).

Exciting Rady Shell Debuts

Also, this season, several musicians make their debut appearances at The Rady Shell. Stars gracing this stage for the first time include '90s hip-hop dance sensation C&C Music Factory (July 4), known for their top hits "Gonna Make you Sweat" and "Here We Go Let's Rock & Roll"; GRAMMY®-nominated and Billboard Hot 100 touring artist Charlie Puth makes his way to San Diego (July 9); iconic singer Patti LaBelle makes her Rady Shell debut in a night of historic hits with Gladys Knight (Aug 19); legendary rocker Van Morrison will present a night to remember (Sept 4); and Jethro Tull who was described by *Rolling Stone* as "one of the most commercially successful and eccentric progressive rock bands" will perform live for audiences on September 26.

Classical Works and Visiting Orchestral Acts

In true Rady Shell tradition, the San Diego Symphony Orchestra will be featured in the opening night concert this summer, performing an evening of dazzling classical standouts, featuring Trumpet sensation Pacho Flores and Music Director Rafael Payare (June 30). Also, as part of this summer's classical offerings, The National Youth Orchestra of the USA makes their final tour stop and debut at The Rady Shell in their tenth anniversary season, joined by Sir Andrew Davis and Gil Shaham (July 28). Shaham,



one of the world's most sought-after violinists, was also recently announced as one of the headlining guest artists of the San Diego Symphony's 2023-24 Jacobs Music Center season. Later in the Summer, the San Diego Symphony will present its annual Beethoven by the Bay concert, playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with soloist Eric Lu, Eroica Symphony, and Overture to *Fidelio*, conducted by Johann Stuckenbruck (Aug 4). Lastly, The Rady Shell 2023 classical concerts will close out on September 1 with the San Diego Symphony's Tchaikovsky Spectacular event including Tchaikovsky's iconic *1812 Overture*, and frequent Rady Shell guest conductor Christopher Dragon.

Movies in Concert

Back by popular demand – three movies in concert will be presented at The Rady Shell this summer. Beginning with the heroic classic of *Apollo 13* (July 7), the San Diego Symphony Orchestra will perform James Horner's memorable score while audiences watch history play out on the big screen right on the San Diego Bay. On July 8 the youngest audiences will be delighted to watch the whimsical tale of *How to Train your Dragon* with its Oscar[®]-nominated musical score composed by John Powell and featuring the San Diego Symphony Orchestra. Then, the San Diego Symphony Orchestra completes the *Harry Potter* saga with its performances of *Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows™ Part 2 in Concert* (Aug 11 & 12).

Commitment to the Environment

The San Diego Symphony is committed to operating a world-class concert venue in a way that respects the earth and works to minimize environmental impact. Beginning in the Summer of 2023, the food and beverage program at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park will eliminate single use plastic and increase recycling. This program will remove over 12,000 plastic containers and recycle over 15,000 pizza boxes in a season. Additionally, when possible, food at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park is sourced locally within a 250-mile radius.

In addition to reducing plastic waste, the San Diego Symphony is encouraging alternative modes of transportation. For cyclists, new bike racks are providing 56 parking spots for bicycles, and a \$6 transit ticket discount is available for those that bring their MTS receipt to the Rady Shell Box Office.

For more information on San Diego Symphony's commitment to the environment, please visit <https://www.theshell.org/about/sdso-commitment-to-the-environment/>

Food & Beverage

The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park's culinary program, [The Shell Provisions](#), offers an impressive range of local specialties in partnership with some of the city's most popular purveyors, including celebrity chef Richard Blais, URBAN KITCHEN Group, Biga, Lola55, Achilles Coffee Roasters, Cali Cream Homemade Ice Cream and more. In addition to top-notch food and beverage selections, The Shell Provisions at the Prebys Plaza Dining Pavilion and Market boasts state-of-the-art kitchens and incredible dining spaces,



allowing concertgoers to enjoy some of the best tastes San Diego has to offer, while taking in the beautiful sights and sounds of the city.

Accessibility for all at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park

Throughout the year, the San Diego Symphony offers free events for all communities at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park. Events like free Yoga classes, in partnership with FIT Athletic, free open rehearsals, and its Picnic in the Park event are offered as a dedication to providing an accessible space for those in and around downtown San Diego. Similarly, the San Diego Symphony is proud to offer a discount ticket program for all seniors and active military with ID. Senior and military discounts apply in the Parkside and Bridgeview sections only at The Rady Shell. For more information on both of these accessibility initiatives, please visit our website at www.TheShell.org

Capacity + Rentals

The average capacity for regular concerts throughout the Rady Shell Summer Season is 4,500 – a 4 percent decrease in capacity from 2022; this is a result of the expansion of the very popular Parkside seating. Also, after considering patron demand, tables have also been added to the popular Marina section. In addition to concerts the Symphony is presenting, the Symphony is proud to host a number of rental concerts throughout the summer and fall. Capacity for rental concerts expands to a possible 8,500.

The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park Conrad Prebys 2023 Summer Season

**The San Diego Symphony Orchestra is featured on these programs*

FRI, JUNE 30: Opening Night – Summer 2023 with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra*

Rafael Payare, Music Director

Pacho Flores, trumpet

SAT, JULY 1: The Beach Boys

SUN, JULY 2: ARETHA: A Tribute*

Lucas Waldin, conductor

Capathia Jenkins, vocalist

Ryan Shaw, vocalist

Sydney Harper, vocalist

Rajdulari, vocalist

Rannold Chalmers, vocalist



TUES, JULY 4: **C&C Music Factory and DJ Prince Hakim**

FRI, JULY 7: ***Apollo 13* in Concert***

Nicholas Buc, conductor

SAT, JULY 8: ***How to Train Your Dragon* in Concert***

Nicholas Buc, conductor

SUN, JULY 9: **Charlie Puth Presents The “Charlie” Live Experience**

FRI, JULY 14: **Steve Hackman’s Tchaikovsky X Drake***

Steve Hackman, conductor

SUN, JULY 16: **The Jacksons and Village People**

FRI, JULY 28: **NYO-USA with Sir Andrew Davies and Gil Shaham**

SAT, JULY 29: **Guster with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra***

Enrico Lopez-Yañez, conductor

SUN, JULY 30: **Mariachi Los Camperos with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra***

Enrico Lopez-Yañez, conductor

FRI, AUG 4: **Beethoven by the Bay***

Johann Stuckenbruck, conductor

Eric Lu, piano

SAT, AUG 5: **Clouds In My Coffee: The Trailblazing Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King and Carly Simon ***

Ted Sperling, conductor

Andréa Burns, vocalist

Morgan James, vocalist

Capathia Jenkins, vocalist

SUN, AUG 6: **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue and Ziggy Marley with Special Guests
Mavis Staples and Robert Randolph Band**



FRI, AUG 11: ***Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows™ Part 2 in Concert****
Justin Freer, conductor

SAT, AUG 12: ***Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows™ Part 2 in Concert****
Justin Freer, conductor

SUN, AUG 13: **Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes**

FRI, AUG 18: **Judy Collins & Madeleine Peyroux performing with the San Diego Symphony Orchestra***
Sean O'Loughlin, conductor

SAT, AUG 19: **Gladys Knight / Patti LaBelle**

SUN, AUG 20: **When The Saints Go Marching In with Byron Stripling***
Byron Stripling, conductor, trumpet, and vocals
Miche Braden, vocals
Bobby Floyd, keyboard
Rob Thorsen, bass

FRI, AUG 25: **Broadway Romance***
Rob Fisher, conductor
Mikaela Bennett, vocalist
Ross Lekites, vocalist

SAT, AUG 26: **In the Air Tonight: A Symphonic Celebration of Genesis and Phil Collins***
Stuart Chafetz, conductor
Aaron Finley, vocalist
Brook Wood, vocalist
Brian Kushmaul, drums

FRI, SEPT 1: **Tchaikovsky Spectacular***
Christopher Dragon, conductor
Steven Lin, piano

SUN, SEPT 3: **Counting Crows with special guest Frank Turner**



MON, SEPT 4: **Van Morrison LIVE at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park**

THURS, SEPT 7: **Buddy Guy: Damn Right Farewell**

SAT, SEPT 9: **Bebop and Beyond: The Music of Charlie Parker & Dizzy Gillespie**

Charles McPherson, alto saxophone

Gilbert Castellanos, trumpet

Jeremy Pelt, trumpet

Antonio Hart, alto saxophone

Gerald Clayton, piano

Joe Farnsworth, drums

David Wong, bass.

FRI, SEPT 22: **Classic Albums Live Performs Creedence Clearwater Revival: Chronicle, Vol. 1**

SAT, SEPT 23: **Classic Albums Live Performs Led Zeppelin II**

TUES, SEPT 26: **Jethro Tull**

Additional programming to be announced at a later date. Most concerts for the 2023 season begin at 7:30 p.m., but start times will be indicated online.

Sponsors

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About The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park

The centerpiece of the 3.7-acre public Jacobs Park developed and managed by the San Diego Symphony on the city's scenic Embarcadero, The Rady Shell is the first permanent outdoor venue in the San Diego Symphony's century-long history, designed to host more than 100 concerts and events year-round. The venue has been developed in partnership with the Unified Port of San Diego with 96% of the \$85 million cost raised privately by the Symphony.

As innovative in design as it is spectacular in setting, The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park offers 360 degrees of year-round music, sky and sea, and is an unprecedented resource for the community. The Symphony's expanded schedule of diverse outdoor concerts includes classical concerts and an exciting roster of commissioned works and premieres programmed by San Diego Symphony Music Director Rafael Payare



as well as performances by international touring artists and free programs. The venue will be available year-round for non-profit community groups, schools and individuals. Jacobs Park, owned and managed by the Symphony, surrounds the performance space with walkways, dining pavilions and recreational facilities in the heart of the Embarcadero and is accessible to the public for free on most days of the year. For more information, visit www.theshell.org.

About the San Diego Symphony

Founded in 1910, the San Diego Symphony is the oldest orchestra in California and one of the largest and most significant cultural organizations in San Diego. The Orchestra performs for more than 250,000 people each season, offering a wide variety of programming at its two much-loved venues, Jacobs Music Center in downtown San Diego (now under renovation) and The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park on San Diego Bay. In early 2018, the San Diego Symphony announced the appointment of Rafael Payare as music director. Payare leads the orchestra's 82 full-time musicians, graduates of the finest and most celebrated music schools in the United States and abroad. The San Diego Symphony also serves as the orchestra for the San Diego Opera each season, as well as performing at several regional performing arts and community centers. For more than 30 years, the San Diego Symphony has provided comprehensive learning and community engagement programs reaching more than 65,000 students annually and bringing innovative programming to San Diego's diverse neighborhoods and schools. For more information, visit www.sandiegosymphony.org.

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