



## SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY TO PRESENT “A DAY OF MUSIC” AS PART OF OPENING CELEBRATIONS OF THE NEW JACOBS MUSIC CENTER

*Free performances and activities welcome the community into the transformed  
downtown venue*

**Sunday, September 29 | 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

For Tickets and Information please visit [www.SanDiegoSymphony.org](http://www.SanDiegoSymphony.org)



**San Diego, CA (August, 22, 2024)** - On Sunday, **September 29, 2024**, the San Diego Symphony will welcome the community to experience the newly renovated Jacobs Music Center with “**A Day of Music**” as part of the opening celebrations of the transformed downtown venue. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the **free, open house** invites everyone to enjoy live performances by musical groups from across San Diego, delicious food, engaging activities, all while exploring the revitalized historic home of San Diego Symphony. “A Day of Music” is the **grand finale to the opening weekend celebrations** following the civic dedication and ribbon cutting on Friday, September 27, and the opening gala concert on Saturday, September 28. These opening events are the first opportunities for the public to experience Jacobs Music Center following an extensive three-year renovation which transforms the nearly 100-year-old theater into a state-of-the-art concert hall. Additionally, these events will mark the first public free events in the hall since the Pandemic closures in 2020.

Among the groups slated to perform are **1st Marine Division Band Wind Ensemble, Animal Cracker Conspiracy, Ballet Folclórico Jalisciense, Coro “Redes” del Sistema Estatal de Música de Baja California, Joey’s Wings, Mariachi Garibaldi from Southwestern College, Orquesta de Baja California, Project**



**[BLANK], San Diego Children's Choir Apprentice Choir, San Diego Public Library, San Diego State University Chamber Choir, San Diego State Community Music School String Academy, San Diego Suzuki School of Music, San Diego Youth Symphony, Sinfónica Juvenil de Tijuana, Villa Musica, Voices of Our City Chorus,** as well as musicians from **San Diego Symphony** and many more incredible community ensembles.

“When the Fox Theater, now known as Jacobs Music Center, opened in 1929 it was envisioned as a venue for the future. As we re-open Jacobs Music Center we too look to the future,” **said Martha Gilmer, San Diego Symphony CEO.** “What better way to celebrate this opening than featuring musicians from our community who represent the future, and who will be the performers and audience members for generations to come. Everyone here at the San Diego Symphony believes that music is for everyone, and ‘A Day of Music’ is filled with performances that show the full spectrum of all that music has to offer.”

“It’s important that we celebrate the re-opening of Jacobs Music Center with the stories and voices of our vibrant region,” **shared Laura Reynolds, San Diego Symphony’s Vice President of Impact and Innovation.** “From honoring our military and engaging our youth to collaborating across the border and uniting voices in a community sing along – we hope to instill a sense of wonder, joy, and belonging that sets the stage for the next 100 years of music-making in San Diego.”

**Audiences will have the opportunity to enjoy five mainstage performances in Jacobs Music Center**

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| 11:00 a.m. | 1 <sup>st</sup> Marine Division Band<br>Featuring Rafael Payare, conductor  |
| 12:30 p.m. | San Diego Suzuki School of Music,<br>SDSU Community Music School String Academy,<br>Villa Musica Orchestra Neos, and<br>San Diego Youth Symphony with musicians from Sinfónica Juvenil de Tijuana |
| 2:00 p.m.  | San Diego Children's Choir,<br>San Diego State University Chamber Choir,<br>Coronado School of the Arts, and<br>Voices of Our City  |
| 3:30 p.m.  | Animal Cracker Conspiracy and<br>San Diego Symphony String Quartet  |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Orquesta de Baja California,<br>Mariachi Garibaldi from Southwestern College, and<br>Ballet Folclórico Jalisciense  |



Additional performances will be presented in the both the upper and lower lobbies of Jacobs Music Center throughout the day. Activities include a variety of crafts and special Story Times in partnership with San Diego Public Library at 11:30 and 12:30.

**For a full schedule of events and to register for tickets, please visit [www.SanDiegoSymphony.org](http://www.SanDiegoSymphony.org)**

Following “A Day of Music,” San Diego Symphony’s inaugural season in the new Jacobs Music Center kicks off with **20 expansive and ambitious programs** for its **Jacobs Masterworks series**, comprised of numerous new works, beloved masterpieces, rarely heard compositions, acclaimed and rising star soloists, and esteemed guest conductors. In addition, its **Jazz @ The Jacobs** and **Family Concert** series will return and San Diego Symphony will expand its offerings in three new series, including a Friday Matinee Jacobs Masterworks series, Currents and Symphony Kids. **The San Diego Symphony’s 2024-25 Season is dedicated to the memory of Joan K. Jacobs.**

For more information on the San Diego Symphony’s 2024-25 Jacobs Music Center season, please visit [www.JacobsMusicCenter.org](http://www.JacobsMusicCenter.org)

### **About 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 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 people annually and bringing innovative programming to San Diego’s diverse neighborhoods and schools. For more information, visit [www.sandiegosymphony.org](http://www.sandiegosymphony.org).

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