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**The San Diego Symphony Presents
Award-Winning Actress and Singer**

**LEA SALONGA LIVE IN CONCERT
at the Rady Shell at Jacobs Park™**

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:30 PM

San Diego, CA (Dec. 8, 2021)— The San Diego Symphony is thrilled to announce the addition of award-winning actress and singer Lea Salonga in Concert to its spring lineup at the Rady Shell at Jacobs Park on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:30 PM, as part of her national Dream Again Tour. Salonga, best known for her Disney-animated roles (the title role of *Mulan* and Princess Jasmine from *Aladdin*) returns to San Diego to perform Broadway hits, Disney classics, pop favorites and more. The Dream Again tour will celebrate the release of her new single by the same name and the 30th anniversary of Lea's recording of the iconic Disney song "A Whole New World" as Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* in 1992. Tickets for this concert will go on sale Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 10 a.m. and start at \$36. For tickets, please go to www.theshell.org

Salonga is internationally-acclaimed for her powerful voice and perfect pitch. She is best known for her Tony Award-winning role in *Miss Saigon* and also made history as the first Asian actress to play Eponine in *Les Misérables* on Broadway, returning to the beloved show as Fantine in the 2006 revival. Additionally, she was featured as the singing voice of Princess Jasmine from *Aladdin* and Fa Mulan for *Mulan* and *Mulan II*. For her portrayal of the beloved princesses, the Walt Disney Company bestowed her with the honor of "Disney Legend".

Her most recent acting roles include starring in the critically acclaimed Sony musical-drama *YELLOW ROSE* and in the Netflix animated series *CENTAURWORLD*. Currently, she is filming the first season of *Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin* (a reboot of the popular series) for HBO Max. In August 2020, Salonga released her single "Dream Again" and in November *Lea Salonga: Live with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra from Sydney Opera House* aired as part of Great Performances on PBS. A live album of the performance was subsequently released by Broadway Records. In late 2017, she released *Bahaghari*, an album of traditional Filipino songs. The album serves as a reflection of all the intricate and different



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languages found in the Philippines and aims to help preserve the island nation's dynamic culture. Salonga also released her electrifying live album *Blurred Lines* in the spring of 2017.

This past fall, the San Diego Symphony saw records numbers of attendance at its new Bayfront home, the Rady Shell at Jacobs Park. With a total of 117,281 tickets issued for concerts from August through November, the Rady Shell celebrated a successful first season of pops and classical concerts. Additionally the San Diego Symphony is set to present its first holiday season outdoors at the Rady Shell this December.

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 project 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, offering 360 degrees of year-round music, sky and sea, The Rady Shell is an unprecedented resource for the Symphony's expanded schedule of diverse outdoor concerts programmed by Music Director Rafael Payare, including an exciting roster of commissioned works and premieres, as well as performances by international touring artists and free programs, and will be available year-round for non-profit community groups, schools and individuals. Jacobs Park, owned and managed by the Symphony, will surround this venue with walkways, dining pavilions and recreational facilities in the heart of the Embarcadero and will be accessible to the public for free on most days of the year.

The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park is designed by San Diego firm Tucker Sadler Architects, led by CEO and Design Principal Greg Mueller, with performance shell design by London-based Soundforms. Working with Tucker Sadler Architects, Soundforms expanded their award-winning 2012 mobile acoustic performance shell (MAPS) to accommodate a large orchestra with chorus and soloists and to be a permanent structure on the Embarcadero Marina Park South site. The performance shell features concentric, widening, oval rings as its canopy, a structure that reaches a height of 57 feet and a width of 92 feet at the front of the stage. A key partner in the creation of the performance shell is Australia-based Fabritecture, which developed and oversaw the technical design, fabrication, and installation of the tensile structure and the backstage support spaces. The gentle slopes and terraced, flexible seating of the 55,000- square-foot audience area are defined around their edges by a low-lying fence, buffered by plantings and a perimeter walkway, on the coast of San Diego Bay within the 3.7-acre Jacobs Park.



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