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## San Diego Symphony Announces 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING at THE RADY SHELL AT JACOBS PARK™

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**SAN DIEGO (September 21, 2023)** – Today, the [San Diego Symphony](#) announced programming for its third holiday season at The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, which begins **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Concerts in December will include three performances of the Symphony’s annual *Noel Noel* concerts, as well as a special performance of the iconic animated holiday classic, *Tim Burton’s “The Nightmare Before Christmas” Live in Concert*.

The season of holiday programming begins with three show-stopping performances of the Symphony’s annual *Noel, Noel* on **December 15, 16, and 17**. Led once again by the artistic tour de force team consisting of celebrated guest conductor, Christopher Dragon and Director Jonathan Gilmer and featuring the return of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Master Chorale, and the San Diego Children’s Choir. Audiences will also experience the return of Noel as she and her friends search for Santa and the magic that he brings with the season. New to this year’s performance will be featured guest vocalist, Devin DeSantis. It’s a program full of Christmas classics, holiday cheer, and jolly spirit. **Tickets range from \$22 to \$95 and are on sale Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.** [www.TheShell.org](http://www.TheShell.org).

In addition to the three performances of *Noel, Noel*, on **December 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the San Diego Symphony will present *Tim Burton’s “The Nightmare Before Christmas” Live in Concert* featuring a screening of Disney’s timeless holiday classic with GRAMMY®-winning composer

Danny Elfman's musical score performed live to the film. The concert will be led by Thiago Tiberio. First released in 1993, Tim Burton's *"The Nightmare Before Christmas"* was directed by Henry Selick (*James and the Giant Peach*) and based on a story and characters by Tim Burton. The film follows the earnest-but-misguided adventures of Jack Skellington, Halloween Town's beloved Pumpkin King, as he attempts to take over the Christmas holiday. Against the advice of Sally, a lonely rag doll who has feelings for him, Jack enlists three mischievous trick-or-treaters—Lock, Shock, and Barrel—to help him kidnap Santa Claus. The film is rated "PG." **Tickets for Movies in Concert range from \$22 to \$95 and are on sale Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at [www.TheShell.org](http://www.TheShell.org).**

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### **Noel, Noel featuring the San Diego Symphony Orchestra**

**The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park**  
**Christopher Dragon**, conductor  
**Jonathan Gilmer**, director  
**Devin DeSantis**, vocalist  
**Mabelle Reynoso**, script  
**Mike Tutaj**, projection design  
**San Diego Master Chorale**  
**San Diego Children's Choir**

**December 15, 2023 | 7:30 PM**  
**December 16, 2023 | 5:00 PM**  
**December 17, 2023 | 5:00 PM**

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### **Disney Concerts Presents *Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas" Live in Concert***

**San Diego Symphony Orchestra**  
**The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park**  
**Thiago Tiberio**, conductor  
**Danny Elfman**, composer  
**Henry Selick**, director  
**Tim Burton**, creator, producer

**December 23, 2023 | 6:00 PM**

### **About the San Diego Symphony Orchestra**

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, Copley Symphony Hall 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](http://www.sandiegosymphony.org).

### **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, offering 360 degrees of year-round music, sky and sea, The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park is an unprecedented resource for the Symphony's expanded schedule of diverse outdoor concerts, including 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.