



## MEDIA ALERT

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### **San Diego Symphony Receives Grant from Prebys Foundation to Support Artistic, Education, and Community Engagement Programs**

*Funding provides critical support amid mounting pressures to San Diego's arts and culture sector*

San Diego, CA— The [San Diego Symphony](#) announces today that it has received a grant from the [Prebys Foundation](#) as part of their \$13.375 million investment in San Diego County's arts and culture sector. The funding will support the Symphony's artistic initiatives as well as educational and engagement programming that includes elementary school music curriculum and performances for the community with focuses on military, the justice system, and social service partnerships.

The grant is part of the Prebys Foundation's 2025 Emergency Arts Investment, which includes \$8.625 million in unrestricted operating support to 22 organizations and \$4.75 million in funding for venues and spaces across 39 organizations. The investment responds to significant challenges facing the region's arts sector, including federal and state funding cuts, rising operational costs, and the need to preserve vital community spaces for creativity.

The arts are a proven driver of economic vitality and community well-being in San Diego. They generate tourism, sustain jobs, and foster connection across diverse communities. The Prebys Foundation's urgent investment aims to protect these benefits and ensure a thriving creative ecosystem for years to come.

Sustaining the San Diego Symphony's level of artistic excellence and civic engagement requires significant resources. Ticket sales and existing revenue cover only a portion of the cost, while rising expenses for artistic talent, production, and education make philanthropic support more essential than ever. The Symphony is a responsible steward of every contribution, ensuring resources are used wisely and with integrity to maximize impact.

"We are deeply grateful to the Prebys Foundation for recognizing the essential role the San Diego Symphony plays in our community," says Martha Gilmer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Support from the Prebys Foundation—along with the generosity of many in our community—ensures that music and the spaces where people gather are recognized as necessities for a thriving, compassionate San Diego."

This investment reaffirms the Symphony's role as both an artistic leader and a civic resource, dedicated to enriching, inspiring, and connecting all who call San Diego home."

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

The San Diego Symphony is committed to the highest levels of artistic achievement and is a cornerstone of our region's cultural life. Each season, the orchestra presents performances that span timeless works of music to bold new projects, bringing people together across generations and backgrounds.

Beyond our renowned stages at the Jacobs Music Center and The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, the Symphony is deeply committed to San Diego's future. Our education programs reach thousands of young people, our training opportunities nurture the next generation of musicians, and our community partnerships expand access to the arts across the region.

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