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### San Diego Symphony Announces 2019 Bayside Summer Nights Lineup

*Highlights of the summer concert series to include a Symphonic Celebration of the San Diego Padres 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Common, Chaka Kahn, Lyle Lovett and his Large Band, Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince™ In Concert, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back™ In Concert, two special Comic-Con week concerts and more*

**San Diego, Calif.** – The San Diego Symphony has announced the lineup for its popular [Bayside Summer Nights](#), packing the summer full of amazing screenings of the most classic films, some of the most beloved names in rock and a world premiere. At the heart of every Bayside Summer Nights season is the incredible San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

The 2019 season includes some very special concerts including a celebration of the **San Diego Padres 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with a musical tribute to America's favorite pastime; a symphonic night of hip hop featuring **Common**; legendary platinum-selling rock band **Blues Traveler**; two nights of **Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back™ In Concert** with John Williams' unforgettable score performed live to the film; the Queen of Funk **Chaka Khan**; rock music's beloved **The B-52s**; J.K. Rowling's classic tale **Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince™ In Concert**; singer, composer and actor **Lyle Lovett**; and two special **Comic-Con** week concerts inside Copley Symphony Hall, Jacobs Music Center featuring the world premiere of **Galaxy Quest™ In Concert** and **Back To The Future™ © In Concert**.

The San Diego Symphony's long-running summer concert series located on the Embarcadero Marina Park South provides audiences with a quintessential San Diego experience of live music paired with one of the most beautiful settings in America. Each summer the San Diego Symphony offers a great variety of concerts and experiences in the 10-week season. Holding with tradition, opening the series is the patriotic **Star Spangled Pops** on June 28 and 29, and the summer season concludes with a bang at the **1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular** on August 30 and 31 and September 1.

"Bayside Summer Nights is a ritual for many, and a new discovery for countless San Diegans who are learning what we all know - that it is a special combination of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra with some of today's top talents in the most beautiful location that is unique to San Diego," said San Diego Symphony CEO Martha Gilmer. "This summer's programming brings together artists across genres - with more classical programming, great films on the big screen, our annual tribute to Broadway, and fabulous guest artists. We cannot wait to welcome even more people to our Bayside Summer Nights where memories are made."

"It's also an extremely exciting time as we start bringing to life the details of our work on Bayside Performance Park. This new and improved Bayside Summer Nights experience will

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include a spectacular new park with a concert venue featuring a dramatic and iconic stage, state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems and high def LED screens. When Bayside Performance Park is complete it will instantly become one of California's most popular places to experience every kind of music," added Gilmer.

## Some series highlights of the season include:

### Thursday Night Jazz

Gilbert Castellanos returns for the fourth year as curator of the Symphony's popular Jazz Series, Thursday Night Jazz. The three-concert series offers a wide-range of styles and begins on July 25 with **Congas and Bongos: Celebrating "Mongo" Santamaría and Jack "Mr. Bongo" Costanzo**. The evening will be a fiery musical salute to Latin percussion pioneers Mongo Santamaría and Jack Costanzo featuring the many flavors of Latin Jazz/Afro-Cuban music. On August 8, we present **A Nancy Wilson Tribute**. Nancy Wilson was one of the leading songstresses of our era whose jazz, pop, R&B and soul crossing hits catapulted her to fame. Her death in 2018 was a great loss to popular song. The series concludes on August 22 with **Miles Davis: Miles Ahead+19 In Concert**, a follow-up to the sold-out success of *Kind of Blue In Concert* last Spring. This summer we'll showcase another Miles Davis masterpiece with the 19-piece KSDS Jazz Orchestra.

### Movies by the Bay

The *Harry Potter*™ Film Concert Series continues with ***Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*™ In Concert** on Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14. The San Diego Symphony will perform the magical score live while the entire film plays in high-definition on a giant screen and guests can join in on Harry's adventures as never before.

On Thursday, August 1 and Friday August 2, one of the most popular science fiction films of all time, ***Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*™ In Concert**, will be shown on the big screen with John Williams' unforgettable score – from the brassy foreboding Imperial March to the noble "Yoda's Theme" – performed by the orchestra and conducted by Lawrence Loh.

Called the greatest musical ever filmed – ***Singin' in the Rain In Concert*** – dances its way to Bayside Summer Nights on Friday, August 23. Guests can experience the charm of Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor on the big screen with the score played live by the San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

### Get Your Geek On

On July 19 and 20 the San Diego Symphony encourages guest to get their geek on at our indoor home for two special Comic-Con week concerts. The cult-classic-sci-fi spoof ***Galaxy Quest*™ In Concert** arrives at Copley Symphony Hall, Jacobs Music Center on July 19 for its concert **world premiere** just in time for Comic-Con! Academy Award nominated composer **David Newman** conducts the San Diego Symphony performing the score he wrote.

On Saturday, July 20, power up the DeLorean and get ready to relive ***Back to the Future In Concert***. Fans old and new will experience the thrill of this unforgettable movie classic on the big screen with the San Diego Symphony conducted by David Newman performing Alan Silvestri's musical score live.

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## **The Ultimate Experience: Eight Concert Series**

The Ultimate Friday or Saturday series is a way for guests to see it all. It provides a mix of performances and is the perfect mix for summer weekends. The series includes **Star Spangled Pops** (July 28-29), **The Doo Wop Project** (July 5), **The Midtown Men** (July 6) with stars from the original cast of Broadway's *Jersey Boys*, **Legendary Women's Voices: An Evening with Cynthia Erivo** (July 12), **Hooray for Hollywood: A Night at the Oscars** (July 26-27), **The B-52s** (Aug. 3), Classic Albums Live Presents **The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band** (Aug. 9-10), **Blues Traveler** (Aug. 18), **Singin' in the Rain In Concert** (Aug. 23), **Chaka Khan** (Aug. 24), and **1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular** (Aug. 30-31).

An annual event always looked forward to is the performance of the annual **"Concert Under the Stars,"** a free concert for military families. This special day allows us to express our thanks and admiration to our military families.

All Bayside Summer Nights concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (unless noted); gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks happen at the conclusion of most Friday and Saturday night concerts—and also on Sunday nights at the Star Spangled Pops, Play Ball: A Symphonic Celebration of the Padres at 50 and 1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular.

## **Pricing**

Beginning Single Ticket prices will range from \$17-\$108 (all prices subject to change). Pre-paid parking is \$30, and subscribers will reserve first with their orders.

Subscriptions are currently on sale. **Single tickets go on sale April 28.** To purchase, visit [www.sandiegosymphony.org](http://www.sandiegosymphony.org) or call the ticket office at 619.235.0804. Guests may also visit the San Diego Symphony Jacobs Music Center Copley Symphony Hall Ticket Office in person at 750 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101. An Embarcadero box office will be open beginning at noon of every concert day.

## **Bayside Summer Nights Subscription Packages**

Subscriptions are on sale now.

Ultimate Friday: 8 Concerts: \$152 - \$680

Bravo or Encore Friday: 4 Concerts: \$88 - \$360

Ultimate Saturday: 8 concerts: \$192 - \$760

Bravo or Encore Saturday: 4 concerts: \$104 - \$392

Sunday Classical: 3 Concerts: \$66-\$270

Jazz: 3 Concerts: \$51-\$195

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## **BAYSIDE SUMMER NIGHTS 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*\*San Diego Symphony does not appear on these programs*

### **STAR SPANGLED POPS FRI JUNE 28 | SAT JUNE 29**

Pay tribute to the nation's history with patriotic favorites, rousing tunes, familiar film soundtracks and Broadway blockbusters. The evening closes with a magnificent fireworks display. Todd Ellison conducts and is joined by Broadway star Ross Lekites (*Frozen, Kinky Boots*) and the San Diego Master Chorale.

### **PLAY BALL: A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF THE PADRES AT 50 SUN JUN 30**

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of our San Diego Padres! Celebrate with a musical tribute to America's favorite pastime with a program that highlights their greatest hits, runs and wins with baseball tunes. Rob Fisher conducts the San Diego Symphony Orchestra and is joined by Broadway star Ross Lekites (*Frozen, Kinky Boots*) and the San Diego Master Chorale. (Will include fireworks.)

### **\*LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND: CELEBRATE AMERICA WITH LYLE LOVETT THU JULY 4 at 7PM**

Singer, composer and actor Lyle Lovett has broadened the definition of American music in a career that spans 14 albums over three decades. With his gift for storytelling, Lovett's eclectic performance style and his impressive Large Band fuses elements of Americana, swing, jazz, folk, gospel and blues.

### **THE DOO WOP PROJECT FRI JULY 5**

Featuring stars of Broadway's smash hits *Motown: The Musical* and *Jersey Boys*, The Doo Wop Project "Doo-Wopifies" some of the greatest music in American pop and rock history including songs made famous by Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, Michael Jackson, Jason Mraz and Maroon 5.

### **\*THE MIDTOWN MEN SAT JULY 6**

Travel back in time to the sixties with four stars from the original cast of Broadway's *Jersey Boys*. The Midtown Men, accompanied by their powerhouse seven-piece band, sing huge hits of the sixties from the Beatles, the Rascals, Motown, the Four Seasons and more.

\*"Not A Performance Of, Not Affiliated With the Show *Jersey Boys*."

### **DVOŘÁK'S NEW WORLD SYMPHONY SUN JULY 7**

Get swept away with some of classical music's most enduring melodies featuring Dvořák's *New World Symphony*. Francesco Lecce-Chong conducts with 17-year-old guest violinist Julian Rhee, recent recipient of the Aspen Festival's 2019 Dorothy DeLay Fellowship and first prize at the 2018 Johansen International String Competition, in Washington D.C.

### **LEGENDARY WOMEN'S VOICES: AN EVENING WITH CYNTHIA ERIVO FRI JULY 12**

"Her voice is like silk, from the top to the bottom," said Jennifer Hudson of the fearless and feisty, Tony and Grammy Award winner Cynthia Erivo. Erivo gives voice to music made famous by the greatest female singers of all-time including Aretha Franklin, Nina Simone, and Ella Fitzgerald. Conducted by Steven Reineke.

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## **HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE™ IN CONCERT SAT JULY 13 | SUN JULY 14**

Harry discovers a mysterious potions book in CineConcerts' presentation of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince™ In Concert! Projected onto a giant screen and accompanied by a live symphony orchestra, you can join in on Harry's adventures as never before. Nicholas Hooper's wonderful score and J.K. Rowling's classic tale combine to deliver all the adventure, humor, and suspense you remember in an experience you'll never forget.

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## **GALAXY QUEST™ IN CONCERT AT COPLEY SYMPHONY HALL AT JACOBS MUSIC CENTER FRI JULY 19**

This cult-classic sci-fi spoof arrives in San Diego for its concert world premiere just in time for Comic-Con week! Stars of a 1970s sci-fi show are beamed aboard an alien spacecraft and join the aliens in their quest to overcome the oppressive regime in their solar system. Academy Award® nominated composer David Newman conducts the San Diego Symphony performing the score he wrote. Galaxy Quest In Concert is sure to delight and boldly go where few parodies have gone before! GQTM & © 1999 Dreamworks LLC. All rights reserved.

## **BACK TO THE FUTURE IN CONCERT AT COPLEY SYMPHONY HALL AT JACOBS MUSIC CENTER SAT JULY 20**

When teenager Marty McFly is blasted to 1955 in the DeLorean time machine created by the eccentric Doc Brown, he finds himself mixed up in a time-shattering chain reaction that could vaporize his future - and leave him trapped in the past. Powered by innovative special effects, unforgettable songs and non-stop action, Back to the Future is an unrivaled adventure that stands the test of time.

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## **\*JAZZ: CONGAS AND BONGOS: CELEBRATING "MONGO" SANTAMARÍA AND JACK "MR. BONGO" COSTANZO THU JUL 25**

Enjoy a fiery musical salute to Latin percussion pioneers Mongo Santamaría and Jack Costanzo featuring the many flavors of Latin Jazz/Afro-Cuban music. Santamaría placed the congas in the forefront of percussion instruments. His classic hit "Watermelon Man" is a staple in rock, Latin, soul, and jazz repertoires. We'll salute the late great Jack Costanzo - known for his work with Elvis Presley, the Nat King Cole Trio, Frank Sinatra, and other legends - with performances by Mongorama and the Jack Costanzo Tribute Band featuring members of Costanzo's last working group led by Mike Holguin.

## **HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD: A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS FRI JULY 26 | SAT JULY 27**

Lights, camera, cue the orchestra! The magical music of Oscar-winning movies and songs return to Bayside Summer Nights with a concert featuring all new film clips accompanied by famous scores led by conductor Ted Sperling.

## **COMMON WITH THE SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY SUN JULY 28**

Academy Award and 3x Grammy winning hip hop artist, actor, film producer, and activist, Common joins the San Diego Symphony for a one-night-only showcase performing selections from his new forthcoming album "Let Love Have the Last Word", along with some of

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his most memorable hits. Starting with his breakthrough 1992 album *Can I Borrow a Dollar?*, Common quickly became one of the most influential figures in hip-hop, augmenting his illustrious music career with roles in film and television in the decades that followed. Don't miss this iconic, multi-talented artist as he takes the Bayside Summer Nights stage for an electrifying evening with the San Diego Symphony and conductor Steven Reineke.

## **STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK™ IN CONCERT THU AUG 1 | FRI AUG 2**

Don't miss one of the most popular science fiction films of all time shown on the big screen with John Williams' unforgettable score—from the brassy and foreboding Imperial March to the noble Yoda's Theme—performed by the orchestra and conducted by Lawrence Loh.

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## **\*THE B-52s SAT AUG 3**

With over 20 million albums sold, **The B-52s** are one of rock music's most beloved and enduring bands. From groundbreaking songs like "Rock Lobster," "Dance This Mess Around" and "Private Idaho" to chart-topping hits like "Love Shack" and "Roam" and "Deadbeat Club" **The B-52s'** unforgettable dance-rock tunes will start a Bayside party this summer.

## **BEETHOVEN BY THE BAY SUN AUG 4**

Revel in the glorious sounds of Beethoven while the sun sets on San Diego Bay and music swells against the beauty of the night sky. The San Diego Symphony, conducted by Yaniv Dinur, pays its annual tribute to Beethoven in a concert of his Symphony No. 7, *Leonore Overture No. 3*, and a performance of his Piano Concerto No. 1 by rising star pianist Dominic Cheli, first prize recipient of the 2017 Concert Artists Guild and Music Academy of the West Concerto competitions.

## **\*JAZZ: A TRIBUTE TO NANCY WILSON THU AUG 8**

Nancy Wilson, one of the leading songstresses of our era whose jazz, pop, R&B and soul crossing hits and powerful stage presence catapulted her to fame. We'll celebrate her with a night of her greatest music featuring songs like "Save Your Love For Me," "(You Don't Know) How Glad I Am," and "Guess Who I Saw Today?"

## **CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE PRESENTS THE BEATLES' SGT. PEPPER'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB BAND**

FRI AUG 9 | SAT AUG 10

Sgt. Pepper is 50 years old! Experience the groundbreaking Sgt. Pepper album with a 'note for note – cut for cut' performance by the San Diego Symphony featuring hits like "When I'm Sixty Four", "A Day in the Life" and "With a Little Help from My Friends." From the sitars and orchestra to the guitars and kazoos, this performance brings The Lonely Hearts Club Band back to life. Conducted by Stuart Chafetz.

## **SOME ENCHANTED EVENING: THE BROADWAY HITS OF RODGERS, HAMMERSTEIN & HART**

FRI AUG 16 | SAT AUG 17

Bayside comes alive with the sound of Broadway's most famous music including "My Favorite Things," "Where or When," "The Lady Is a Tramp," "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," and more. Featuring two-time Tony Award nominee Laura Osnes (*Cinderella*, *Bonnie and Clyde*) and Jason Daniele (*Candide*, *The Full Monty*, *Pretty Woman*) who the *New York Times* hailed as "the most exquisite tenor on Broadway." Conducted by Rob Fisher.

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## **\*BLUES TRAVELER SUN AUG 18**

Front man and harmonica player Jon Popper and the band return to their bluesy roots with new jams of old favorites and tunes from their latest album, *Hurry Up & Hang Around*.

## **\*JAZZ: ULTIMATE MILES DAVIS THU AUG 22**

Following the sold-out success of *Kind of Blue* In Concert last Spring at Copley Symphony Hall at Jacobs Music Center, we'll showcase ***Miles Ahead +19, Miles Davis'*** first collaboration with arranger Gil Evans released in 1957 by Columbia Records. *Miles Ahead* is one of the most famous recordings of Third Stream, a fusion of jazz, European classical, and world musics. Take pleasure in a track by track performance of this masterpiece with the nineteen-piece KSDS Jazz Orchestra.

## ***SINGIN' IN THE RAIN IN CONCERT* FRI AUG 23**

What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again!" It's been called the greatest musical ever filmed — now, dance your way to Bayside Summer Nights and experience the charm of Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor on the big screen with the score played live by the San Diego Symphony Orchestra conducted by Richard Kaufman.

## **\*CHAKA KHAN SAT AUG 24**

"Chaka Chaka Chaka Chaka Khan." The Queen of Funk first came to prominence in the 1970s as the lead singer of Rufus before launching a massive solo career in the '80s. The soulful power of her voice on massive hits like *I Feel for You* and *I'm Every Woman* has won her 10 Grammys, sold 70 million records, and influenced generations of musicians.

## **\*THE O'JAYS PLUS THE COMMODORES SUN AUG 25**

Spend an evening Bayside enjoying classic R&B and soul hits of the 70's and early '80s with The O'Jays plus the Commodores. Hear top 10 singles from The O'Jay's including "Love Train" and "For the Love of Money" and sing along to "Easy," "Three Times a Lady," and "Brick House" from the Commodores.

## **1812 TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR FRI AUG 30 | SAT AUG 31 | SUN SEP 1**

The summer season comes to a dazzling end with our crowd-pleasing annual Tchaikovsky concert led by conductor Christopher Dragon. Delight in the grand finale: the 1812 Overture complete with booming cannons and a sparkling fireworks display over San Diego Bay.

## **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 over 250,000 people each season, offering a wide variety of programming at its two much loved venues, Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego and the Embarcadero Marina Park South on San Diego Bay. In early 2018, the San Diego Symphony announced the appointment of Rafael Payare as music director designate. Payare will lead the orchestra's 82 full-time musicians, graduates of the finest and most celebrated music schools in the United States and abroad. The SDSO also serves as the orchestra for the San Diego Opera each season, as well as performing at several regional performing arts centers. For over 30 years, the San Diego Symphony has provided comprehensive music education 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).

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