San Diego Symphony Announces Summer Pops 2016 Lineup Including Diana Ross, Trace Adkins, Chris Botti, Bernadette Peters and more

New Thursday Night Jazz Series begins July 14

Fourth of July:  Celebrate America on America’s Birthday with a Tribute to Johnny Cash

New Sunday Series Includes Viva Mariachi, Shakespeare-Inspired Midsummer Night’s Concert and Dreamworks Animation

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego Symphony has announced a stellar lineup of artists for Summer 2016 including Diana Ross, Trace Adkins, Chris Botti, Seth MacFarlane, Amy Grant and Bernadette Peters. Calling the series “Bayside Summer Nights,” San Diego Symphony’s popular and successful summer series has something for everyone including the traditional weekend concerts, a new Thursday Night Jazz Series, a new Sunday subscription series, salutes to Broadway, Hollywood and Dreamworks Animation along with Mariachi, movies and more.

Beginning with the patriotic Star Spangled Pops on July 1, 2 and 3, and concluding with the 1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular on September 2, 3 and 4, the season includes a total of 25 concerts all taking place on the edge of San Diego Bay at picturesque Embarcadero Marina Park South, located behind the San Diego Convention Center. The breathtaking views including those of the Coronado Bay Bridge and the downtown skyline create a unique setting for these summertime concerts. One of the favorite traditions of audiences is either bringing in picnics to enjoy from the lawn seating or taking advantage of the convenient table-side food service offered in the Champagne seating section. The food and refreshments are provided by Behind The Scenes, a leading catering and events company headquartered in San Diego, whose impressive list of clients includes the Olympic Games, ESPN X Games and the NFL Super Bowl. The menu features entrees, salads, microbrews and an extensive wine list.
“This summer has the best of past summer seasons as well as new artistic initiatives,” states CEO Martha Gilmer. “We’ve stretched our horizons to bring you a wide range of music from jazz to country, more films and of course, at the very center of it all, our own San Diego Symphony Orchestra. On Sunday, July 31, we will be presenting a free day of music featuring our region’s very best musicians and culminating in a free performance by the San Diego Symphony. It’s a summer that will thrill and excite our audiences and our city.”

Introducing: Thursday Night Jazz

On the heels of San Diego Symphony’s Jazz @ The Jacobs, the highly successful jazz series that launched this season at the Jacobs Music Center, the summer now includes Thursday Night Jazz. This three-concert series begins on July 14 with The Mambo King: A Tito Puente Salute that will include mambo to bossa nova to cha-cha-chá. Then on August 18, we welcome The Future of Jazz featuring Cécile McLorin Salvant. Salvant was the winner of the 2010 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition whose performances inspired accolades from Wynton Marsalis and The New York Times comparing her to Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald. A week later on August 25 will feature an exciting lineup of today’s hottest jazz guitarists: Peter Sprague, Russell Malone and Anthony Wilson who come together for Jazz Guitar Masters.

"As curator of the indoor Jazz @ The Jacobs, I am thrilled that our summer concertgoers will now have the chance to enjoy jazz as part of our summer series,” states series curator Gilbert Castellanos. “We have incredible world-class musicians lined up for the summer, many of whom I am proud to call my friends. What could be better than listening to these amazing jazz artists outdoors on San Diego Bay. Please join us and keep jazz alive!"

Celebrate America on America’s Birthday with Cash’d Out: A Tribute to Johnny Cash. With the Fourth of July falling on a Monday this year, the public is invited to a front-row seat at an all-American birthday party complete with the most spectacular fireworks display over San Diego Bay. But it’s not only a Fourth of July celebration, it’s a salute to the Man in Black himself—Johnny Cash. With more than 150 Johnny Cash hits in their repertoire, Cash’d Out will perform Walk The Line, Ring of Fire, and Jackson along with a string of favorites. It will be memorable holiday filled with music, song and San Diego Bay’s booming fireworks display to light up the night.

The one and only Diana Ross. Named Billboard Magazine’s “Entertainer of the Century” and called the most successful female artist in history by the Guinness Book of World Records, Diana Ross is a shining pop diva for all time. As lead singer of the Supremes and as a solo artist, Ross has earned 18 number-one singles (12 as lead singer of The Supremes and six as a solo artist). Diana Ross will appear on July 17 accompanied by her own band.

Trumpeter Extraordinaire Chris Botti. Grammy Award-winning Chris Botti is today’s best-selling jazz instrumentalist and one of the most innovative and versatile musicians for his ability to fuse both jazz and pop musical styles together. Both cool and passionate, Botti’s talents
have brought him international acclaim. His top-selling CDs include Impressions, Italia and the live album, Chris Botti in Boston. Chris Botti performs on Sunday, July 28.

**Country superstar Trace Adkins.** From multi-platinum-selling albums to his work with Wounded Warriors—and from Grand Ole Opry member to seven tours with the USO, Trace Adkins is one of the most exciting country music stars today. With his hits *This Ain’t* No Thinkin’ Thing, Ladies Love Country Boys and You’re Gonna Miss This, the evening of Sunday, July 28 promises to be a rowdy good time.

**Seth MacFarlane,** the creator of Family Guy, is also a quite the vocalist. On August 12 and 13, MacFarlane performs the music from The Great American Songbook. Cool, classy and sophisticated, this weekend will be filled with lush orchestrations and memories of those who have influenced this multi-talented performer: Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Vic Damone and Bobby Darin.

**Amy Grant** is a Grammy Award-winning artist and one of the most influential and successful singer-songwriters of the ’80s and ’90s. She returns to the summer stage on August 20 performing her Number One hit, *Baby Baby*, along with other popular hits including Angels, My Father’s Eyes and Never Alone.

**Bernadette Peters** has received two Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards and a Golden Globe Award, and four of the Broadway cast albums on which she starred have won Grammy Awards. Today’s first lady of Broadway is regarded by many as the foremost interpreter of the works of Stephen Sondheim. She is also particularly noted for her roles on the Broadway stage including the musicals *Mack and Mabel, Sunday in the Park with George, Song and Dance, Into the Woods, Annie Get Your Gun* and Gypsy (August 26-27).

**New Sunday Subscription Series**

The summer series is known for its variety of musical offerings—from popular tunes to light classical to movie entertainment fun for the whole family. This year, the San Diego Symphony has packaged an eclectic array of musical evenings into a five-concert subscription package. In addition to the Star Spangled Pops (July 3) and the 1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular (September 4), the Sunday series offers **A Midsummer Night’s Concert** (August 7) full of romantic evening of music inspired William Shakespeare from Prokofiev to Mendelssohn. Heading south of the border, it’s **Viva Mariachi!** (August 21) featuring Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán with San Diego’s own Mariachi Champaña Nevin performing Pasión Mexicana Concerto for Mariachi and Orchestra. On the final Sunday of the month (August 28), the Summer Pops presents **Dreamworks Animation In Concert—Celebrating 20 Years.** From *Shrek* and *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Kung Fu Panda*, this special evening celebrates the studio’s 20th anniversary in an evening of visually stunning film highlights shown on the giant screen with their memorable scores performed live by the San Diego Symphony.
Subscription Packages

- Ultimate Series: 8 Concerts: $128-$632
- Bravo or Encore Series: 4 Concerts: $68-$324
- Thursday Night Jazz: 3 Concerts: $48-$195
- Sunday Series: 5 Concerts: $85-$385

Subscriptions on sale now.
Single tickets on sale: April 10

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San Diego Symphony Bayside Summer Nights - Summer Pops 2016
Embarcadero Marina Park South
206 Marina Park Way
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- All concerts begin at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted below; gates open at 6pm.
- Fireworks happen at the conclusion of all Friday and Saturday night concerts—and also on Sunday nights at the Star Spangled Pops and 1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular.

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San Diego Symphony
Bayside Summer Nights – Summer Pops 2016

Calendar of Events

STAR SPANGLED POPS
Friday, July 1, 7:30pm
Saturday, July 2, 7:30pm
Sunday, July 3, 7:30pm
There is no better 4th of July event than celebrating America’s birthday with the San Diego Symphony! This all-American program features hits from movies, Broadway tunes and popular music, along with a military salute and a grand fireworks finale. Matthew Garbutt conducts.

CELEBRATE AMERICA ON AMERICA’S BIRTHDAY!*
Monday, July 4, 7:30pm
There was only one Man in Black! Celebrate his American legacy on July 4th with our country’s finest Johnny Cash tribute band, Cash’d Out. With more than 150 Johnny Cash songs in their repertoire including Walk the Line, Ring of Fire and Jackson, the night will be ablaze with
memories and the spectacular San Diego Bay fireworks display, all to celebrate America’s birthday.

**THE MAMBO KING: A TITO PUENTE SALUTE**  
**Thursday, July 14, 7:30pm**  
The brand new Thursday Night Jazz series kicks off with a tribute to the late, great Tito Puente. From *mambo* to *bossa nova* to *cha-cha-chá*, our special guests will immerse you in a soundscape of Afro-Cuban beats, Latin Jazz riffs and Tito’s favorite, the timbales.

**CLASSICAL MYSTERY TOUR: A Tribute to The Beatles**  
**Friday, July 15, 7:30pm**  
**Saturday, July 16, 7:30pm**  
Remember where you were when you first heard *Sgt. Pepper*? Relive those moments with the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Liverpool boys’ final tour as a group. From *Sgt. Pepper* to *Rubber Soul*, from “I Wanna Hold Your Hand” to “Here Comes the Sun,” this magical evening makes everyone feel young again!

**DIANA ROSS**  
**Sunday, July 17, 7:30pm**  
Named *Billboard* magazine’s “Entertainer of the Century” and called the most successful female music artist in history by the *Guinness Book of World Records*, Diana Ross is a shining pop diva for all time. Don’t miss this ultra-rare chance to hear the sensational Diana Ross perform at the beautiful Embarcadero!

**CHRIS BOTTI**  
**Thursday, July 28, 7:30pm**  
Grammy®-winning trumpeter Chris Botti is today’s best-selling jazz instrumentalist and one of the most important, innovative figures of the contemporary music world. His cool but passionate melodies and international influences will weave a memorable evening of song under the stars.

**TRACE ADKINS**  
**Friday, July 29, 7:30pm**  
From multi-platinum-selling albums to his work with Wounded Warriors, from Grand Ole Opry membership to seven tours with the USO, Trace Adkins is one of today’s most exciting country music stars. Come hear his Number One hits *(This Ain’t) No Thinkin’ Thing*, *Ladies Love Country Boys* and *You’re Gonna Miss This* on an evening sure be a rowdy good time!

**HOOey FOR HOLLYWOOD!**  
**Saturday, July 30, 8pm**  
Back by popular demand, this tribute to Hollywood and the music that makes it special returns for one night only. Brilliantly edited film clips on the big screen will complement some of the most famous songs and themes written for the movies and performed with panache by the San Diego Symphony.
SING ALONG WITH BROADWAY!
Friday, August 5, 7:30pm
Saturday, August 6, 7:30pm
Get ready to sing your heart out as Broadway veterans Doug LaBrecque, Debbie Gravitte and Christiane Noll join the San Diego Symphony Orchestra for a joyful evening performing the greatest hits of all time, both classic and contemporary, from The Great White Way. The first half will feature music from the musical Guys and Dolls.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S CONCERT
Sunday, August 7, 7:30pm
Sit back and enjoy a romantic evening of music inspired by the Bard himself, William Shakespeare. As a special treat, actors will present short, delightful excerpts from sonnets and plays by this undisputed genius of the English language. Music by Prokofiev and Mendelssohn will be featured.

SETH MACFARLANE AND THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK
Friday, August 12, 7:30pm
Saturday, August 13, 7:30pm
The creator of The Family Guy and Ted has a delightfully smooth vocal talent matched only by his sophisticated interpretations of hits from the Great American Songbook. Enjoy an evening filled with the sound of lush swing orchestras from the 40’s and 50’s with MacFarlane singing many of the gems of that era.

THE FUTURE OF JAZZ featuring CÉCILE McLORIN SALVANT*
Thursday, August 18, 7:30pm
As the youthful surprise winner of the 2010 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition, Cécile McLorin Salvant’s performance inspired accolades from Wynton Marsalis and The New York Times, comparing her to Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald. San Diego’s own International Academy of Jazz opens the concert.

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK (1981)
Friday, August 19, 8pm
Steven Spielberg and George Lucas teamed up to create one of the greatest action-adventure films of all time, starring the incomparable Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones. Now see it on the big screen as never before, with John Williams’ propulsive score performed live by the San Diego Symphony.

AMY GRANT*
Saturday, August 20, 7:30pm
One of the most influential and successful singer-songwriters in the ’80s and ’90s and multi Grammy® Award-winning artist, Amy Grant, returns to the Embarcadero! Come hear her Number One hit Baby Baby along with other popular hits including Angels, My Father’s Eyes and Never Alone.
VIVA MARIACHI!
Sunday, August 21, 7:30pm
Revered as guardians of the mariachi legacy, Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán presents a festive repertoire of rhythms, dance, and vocals for an exciting evening of pageantry and musical virtuosity. The concert will open with San Diego’s own Mariachi Champaña Nevin, who will perform the Pasión Mexicana Concerto for Mariachi and Orchestra!

JAZZ GUITAR MASTERS *
Thursday, August 25, 7:30pm
A stellar lineup of today’s hottest jazz guitarists including Peter Sprague, Russell Malone and Anthony Wilson come together for one night’s worth of hot jams by the cool bayside.

BERNADETTE PETERS
Friday, August 26, 7:30pm
Saturday, August 27, 7:30pm
Today’s first lady of Broadway comes to the Bayside for an unforgettable weekend performing her incomparable Broadway Songbook. Bernadette Peters is renowned for her interpretations of the music of Stephen Sondheim as well as winning multiple Tony Awards, and performing in television and film – most recently the Golden Globe-winning HBO series Mozart in the Jungle.

DREAMWORKS ANIMATION IN CONCERT - CELEBRATING 20 YEARS
Sunday, August 28, 8pm
From Shrek and How to Train Your Dragon to Madagascar and Kung Fu Panda, DreamWorks Animation’s great stories and beloved characters inspire and delight audiences of all ages. We celebrate the studio's 20th anniversary in an evening of visually stunning film highlights on our giant screen, with their memorable scores performed live.

1812 TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR
Friday, September 2, 7:30pm
Saturday, September 3, 7:30pm
Sunday, September 4, 7:30pm
Our glorious summer winds down but not before the cannons and fireworks light up San Diego Bay with Tchaikovsky’s awesome 1812 Overture. Join us as we celebrate the summer’s end in spectacular style!

*San Diego Symphony does not appear on these programs.

Making Music by the Bay
A Free Day for the Community
San Diego Symphony
Embarcadero Marina Park South
Sunday, July 31
4:00-10pm
San Diego Symphony Summer Pops presents **Making Music by the Bay**: a free day for the community with the sights and sounds of San Diego’s neighborhoods. It’s a celebration of the musical melting pot that represents our unique city—its rhythm, heart and soul. Join family, friends and neighbors for an afternoon of music and fun activities. Then top off the evening and enjoy a free performance by the San Diego Symphony!