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San Diego Symphony Announces Diverse Lineup for 2018 Bayside Summer Nights

Summer concert series to include Patti LaBelle, Megan Hilty, Rick Springfield, Clint Black, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire™ in Concert with a live symphony orchestra and more

San Diego, Calif. – The San Diego Symphony has announced the lineup for its popular Bayside Summer Nights including “godmother of soul” **Patti LaBelle**; Tony-nominated singer and actress **Megan Hilty**; rock music icon **Rick Springfield**; country mega-star **Clint Black**; perennial Broadway classic **Chicago The Musical**; Motown icons **The Four Tops** and **The Temptations**; and films accompanied by live orchestra, **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire™ in Concert** and Academy Award®-winning **West Side Story**. At the heart of every Bayside Summer Nights season is the San Diego Symphony Orchestra.

The San Diego Symphony’s long-running summer concert series located on the Embarcadero Marina Park South provides audiences with an unparalleled experience of live concert music in one of the most beautiful settings in America. This year, the San Diego Symphony has packed a wide array of concerts into the 10-week season. Opening the series is the patriotic **Star Spangled Pops on June 29, 30, and July 1**, and the series concludes with a bang at the **1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular on August 31, September 1 and 2**.

“Our Bayside Summer Nights concert series is quintessential summer in San Diego. We offer the sights and sounds for the perfect summer evening, pairing stunning bay and downtown views with an incredible range of music - patriotic, 80s favorites, Motown, jazz and classical favorites - there truly is something for everyone,” said CEO Martha Gilmer. “When planning the summer series, we strive to bring some of the greatest artists to perform with our exceptional Orchestra musicians. Performing outdoors adds a little special magic to the experience for both the musicians and audience.”

“Another component of our Bayside Summer Nights I always look forward to are two very important community concerts. On Sunday, July 15 we will be presenting our third annual “**Community Day**,” a day of music featuring our region’s very best musicians and culminating in a free performance by the San Diego Symphony. On Thursday, August 30, the Symphony will perform our annual “Concert Under the Stars,” **a free concert for military families**. This special day allows us to express our thanks and admiration for their service while bringing together military families,” added Gilmer.

Enhancing the experience, concert-goers may take advantage of the convenient tableside food service offered in the Champagne seating section by *Behind The Scenes* – a leading catering and

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events company with an impressive client list. Guests may also pre-order gourmet meals, or enjoy fresh salads, burgers, sandwiches, desserts and snacks from concessions. The many great food options are paired with a terrific wine menu and nice assortment of craft brews.

Thursday Night Jazz

In its third year, curated by Gilbert Castellanos, the Symphony's popular Jazz Series, **Thursday Night Jazz**, is back with a wide range of styles. The three-concert series begins on July 26 with **Godfathers of Latin Jazz: Dizzy Gillespie and Chano Pozo**. This evening will **celebrate** the collaboration between jazz master Dizzy Gillespie and Cuban *conguero* Chano Pozo, and features some of today's most exciting jazz musicians. On August 9, we pay tribute to Charlie Parker with "**Bird**" on the Bay: **A Charlie Parker Tribute feat. Charles McPherson**. Special guest for this tribute is modern sax master Charles McPherson, famous for his work with Clint Eastwood on the Parker biopic, *Bird*. The series concludes by honoring remarkable women on Thursday, August 23, with **Ladies Who Jam: Women in Jazz**. This concert will feature some of the most interesting up-and-coming talent in jazz music today.

Movies by the Bay

The *Harry Potter*™ Film Concert Series continues with ***Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*™ in Concert** on Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5. The San Diego Symphony will perform the magical score live from *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* while the entire film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen.

On Friday, August 10, the re-mastered film and iconic winner of 10 Oscars® ***West Side Story*** will play with the San Diego Symphony performing Leonard Bernstein's score live. The San Diego Symphony continues its celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday with its year-long celebration and recognition of the contribution Bernstein made to American music.

Sunday Series: Sunday Sunset and Sunday Classical

The Sunday Sunset Series returns with an interesting mix of classical, ranchero and blues/funk music, perfect for relaxing into the end of the weekend. The five-concert series includes **Star Spangled Pops** (July 1), **Beethoven by the Bay** – the ultimate classical pops experience of Beethoven's famous Symphony No. 5 – (July 29), Mexican music and telenovela star **Pablo Montero** accompanied by mariachi band (August 12), acclaimed pedal steel guitarist **Robert Randolph and The Family Band** (August 19) and, on the final Sunday of the season, the **1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular** (September 2). Subscribers may also opt for a three-concert series consisting of just Star-Spangled Pops, Beethoven by the Bay and the 1812 Spectacular.

All Bayside Summer Nights concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.; 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 and 1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular.

Pricing

Beginning Single Ticket prices will range from \$18 to \$95. Beginning Special Concert prices will range from \$26 to \$104. Pre-paid parking is \$30, and subscribers will reserve first with their orders.

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Bayside Summer Nights 2018 Calendar of Events

STAR-SPANGLED POPS FRI June 29 | SAT June 30 | SUN July 1

Our summer season at the Bayside kicks off with our traditional salute to America, complete with patriotic hits and rousing selections from movies and Broadway, capped off with a glorious fireworks display.

AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY WITH CLINT BLACK WED July 4

One of the most successful singer/songwriters of the modern country era comes to the Embarcadero to celebrate America's Birthday. Clint Black's catalog of 22 #1 singles includes "A Better Man," "Where Are You Now," "When My Ship Comes In" and many more.

MEGAN HILTY FRI July 6 | SAT July 7

From her award-winning turn in the recent Broadway revival of *Noises Off* to her ace appearances on TV in *Smash* and *Sean Saves the World*, Megan Hilty is one of today's most exciting performers. First gaining notice on Broadway in *Wicked* and *9 to 5: The Musical*, Megan brings her acclaimed voice and versatility to the Bayside.

ARTURO SANDOVAL* THU July 12

From learning jazz on the streets of Cuba to touring the world with Dizzy Gillespie and embracing a new home in America, trumpet master Arturo Sandoval has had a legendary career filled with powerful music and bright, driving rhythms, perfect for a night under the stars.

RICK SPRINGFIELD FRI July 13 | SAT July 14

With hits like "Jessie's Girl," "I've Done Everything for You", "Don't Talk to Strangers" and more, Rick Springfield sang passionate anthems of love for '80s teens that live on forever, but this hard-working musician and actor has grown into a confident performer in many music genres, which will all be on display under our concert lights.

GODFATHERS OF LATIN JAZZ: A SALUTE TO DIZZY GILLESPIE AND CHANO POZO* THU July 26

In 1947 jazz master Dizzy Gillespie invited Cuban *conguero* Chano Pozo to participate in the Carnegie Hall concert (and subsequent European tour) that launched the modern Latin Jazz movement worldwide. Our program celebrates that key collaboration and features some of today's most exciting jazz musicians.

MARC COHN AND THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA* FRI July 27

Grammy® Award-winning singer-songwriter Marc Cohn makes his Bayside debut, bringing a treasure chest of rich, evocative, soulful songs, including his monster hit, "Walking in Memphis." His special guests are recent collaborators and gospel music legends, The Blind Boys of Alabama.

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PATTI LABELLE SAT July 28

Entertainer...entrepreneur...humanitarian – these are just a few words to describe the incomparable force known as Patti LaBelle. With several decades worth of hits such as “Lady Marmalade,” “You Are My Friend,” “Stir It Up” and more, Patti is sure to deliver one of the hottest, most soulful nights of the summer!

BEETHOVEN BY THE BAY SUN July 29

Our annual classical concert by the Bay features Associate Conductor Sameer Patel leading the orchestra in a performance of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony and other favorite classical works.

TBD FRI August 3

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE™ IN CONCERT SAT August 4 | SUN August 5

For the first time in San Diego, audiences can rediscover the magic of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire™* in Concert while the San Diego Symphony performs Patrick Doyle’s unforgettable score live to picture. In *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire*, Harry Potter is mysteriously entered into the Triwizard Tournament, a grueling contest among three wizarding schools in which he confronts a dragon, water demons and an enchanted maze only to find himself in Lord Voldemort’s grasp. All will change when Harry, Ron and Hermione leave childhood forever and face challenges beyond their imagining.

BIRD ON THE BAY: A CHARLIE PARKER TRIBUTE FEAT. CHARLES MCPHERSON* THU August 9

Charlie "Bird" Parker, THE innovator of bebop, speaks to all jazz musicians and music aficionados. His pioneering explorations on alto saxophone, playing complex lines over challenging harmonies, resonate to this day. Our special guest for this tribute is modern sax master Charles McPherson, famous for his work with Clint Eastwood on the Parker biopic, *Bird*.

WEST SIDE STORY FRI August 10

Celebrate the 57th anniversary of the iconic winner of 10 Oscars® — the San Diego Symphony performs Leonard Bernstein’s score live with the re-mastered film (directed by Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins, featuring Robbins’ choreography, Ernest Lehman’s screenplay, Arthur Laurents’ book and Stephen Sondheim’s lyrics) shown in hi-definition with original vocals and dialog intact.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD! SAT August 11

Our annual tribute to film music is back, with an all-new set of expertly edited clips from award-winning masterpieces of cinema accompanied by some of the greatest music ever written for the movies.

PABLO MONTERO* SUN August 12

From former Mexican teen idol to “ranchera hunk” and prolific telenovela actor and composer, Pablo Montero has had an active and dramatic career in the public spotlight for over two decades. Now he brings his smooth vocal delivery to Bayside Summer Nights, accompanied by a mariachi ensemble.

CHICAGO THE MUSICAL – LIVE IN CONCERT FRI August 17 | SAT August 18

“When You’re Good to Mama”...“Razzle Dazzle”... “Mr. Cellophane”...“All That Jazz!” What American musical has more sass and brass and just plain fun than *Chicago*? This perennial

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Broadway classic gets the concert treatment with outstanding Great White Way veteran singers and a beautifully orchestrated music score.

ROBERT RANDOLPH AND THE FAMILY BAND* SUN August 19

Founded upon the traditions of gospel music and heavily influenced by great funk and soul bands like Earth Wind & Fire, Robert Randolph and The Family Band deliver one of the most high-energy concerts around. Pedal steel master Randolph was rated one of the 100 greatest guitarists ever by *Rolling Stone*.

LADIES WHO JAM: WOMEN IN JAZZ* THU August 23

The history of jazz has always included remarkable women. Join us for this exciting concert featuring some of the most interesting up-and-coming talent in jazz music today. It's not just for guys anymore...and it never was!

THE FOUR TOPS + THE TEMPTATIONS* FRI August 24 | SAT August 25

Two of the greatest acts in Motown history...all on one incredible program! Original members Abdul "Duke" Fakir of the Four Tops and Otis Williams of The Temptations lead this powerfully nostalgic trip through indelible pop music classics like "I Can't Help Myself," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," "Reach Out I'll Be There," "My Girl" and so many more!

1812 TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR FRI August 31 | SAT September 1 | SUN September 2

Another fantastic summer at the Embarcadero comes to an end with our ever-popular Tchaikovsky concert, led by Associate Conductor Sameer Patel. Don't miss the grand finale: the *1812 Overture* with booming cannons and a grand fireworks display over San Diego Bay.

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

Bayside Summer Nights Subscription Packages

Subscriptions are on sale now. Single tickets go on sale Sunday, April 29.

- Ultimate Series: 8 Concerts: \$152-\$696
- Bravo or Encore Series: 4 Concerts: \$84-\$360
- Thursday Night Jazz: 3 Concerts: \$51-\$195
- Sunday Sunset Series: 5 Concerts: \$105-\$430
- Sunday Classical Series: 3 Concerts: \$63-\$258

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Subscriptions are currently on sale. To purchase, visit 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.

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