CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS CLOSE IN BALBOA PARK DUE TO COVID-19

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Balboa Park, San Diego, CA -

On behalf of the members of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, we would like to share proactive precautions being implemented regarding COVID-19. Your safety and health are of our highest concern.

During these rapidly changing times, venues in the Park have been closely monitoring and implementing recommendations provided by government agencies and public health officials, including the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), California Department of Public Health Info and San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (Public Health).

In response to the current state of the COVID-19 situation and Governor Newsom’s announcement asking people to stay at home, the following Balboa Park venues will close to the public until further notice.

Closures in effect until further notice:

Additionally, performances and programs for San Diego Youth Symphony are suspended, performances for San Diego Junior Theatre are suspended, the weekly Spreckels Organ concerts are suspended, educational programs for the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet are suspended, performances at the Old Globe Theatre and events at the Comic-Con Museum are suspended as previously announced; One-Day and Multi-Day Balboa Park Explorer Pass sales are suspended as well.
The City of San Diego has opened limited areas of Balboa Park as of today. These areas include:

- Bird Park and Morley Field
- Morley Field Off Leash Dog Park
- East Mesa – 28th Street Corridor
- Grape Street Off Leash Dog Park
- Golden Hill Community Park
- West Mesa (6th Avenue side of Balboa Park)
- Nate’s Point Off Leash Dog Park

In addition, rules for using these spaces have been defined:
- Physical distancing must be followed in accordance with state, regional and local orders to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged while visiting park facilities.
- Only passive activities like walking and jogging are authorized in these parks.
- Visit only parts of Balboa Park in your neighborhood and within walking distance to eliminate the need for driving as parking lots will remain closed.
- Restrooms are open for public use at these parks.
- Trails will be open within open space parks for public use.

Not allowed:
- No active sports, organized activities or groups will be allowed and playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, etc. will remain closed.
- Parking lots will remain closed at all parks and beaches.
- Most amenities at these parks will remain closed including recreation centers, swimming pools, school district joint-use areas, visitor centers, and nature centers.

For more information about park use as of today, April 21st, visit the City’s website at:
https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus

Visitor well-being is of utmost importance, and the members of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership see the closure of Balboa Park venues as preventative measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We are continuing to evaluate this fluid situation and will update this information periodically.

Please check the websites of the individual Balboa Park organizations and their social media platforms, plus the balboapark.org website, for updates regarding any changes to business operations.

Thank you for understanding and for your continued support of the members of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and Arts and Culture in San Diego.

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ABOUT THE CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP
The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership serves as the collaborative body and collective voice for 26 arts,
science, and cultural institutions in Balboa Park. Together we achieve greater effectiveness, innovation, and excellence and contribute to the vitality and sustainability of Balboa Park. Our collective of 500 trustees, 7,000 volunteers, and 3,500 staff serve more than 6.2 million visitors annually. Learn more at www.bpcp.org

ABOUT BALBOA PARK
Located near downtown San Diego, Balboa Park is the largest urban cultural park in the United States. First established by the City of San Diego in 1868, it is also one of the oldest city parks in the nation and is the most visited single destination in San Diego. Its 1,200 acres include 17 museums, many gardens and attractions, the San Diego Zoo, miles of hiking trails, and multiple athletic complexes to explore and discover. For more information, visit www.balboapark.org