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The following is a list of regional arts and culture organizations, divided into categories (*San Diego Regional Performing Arts Organizations* and *San Diego Regional Museums and Historic Sites*). This is not a complete list, and every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information. It is always recommended that you contact the organization directly to obtain the most up-to-date information. More details as well as an extensive events calendar and suggested cultural itineraries can be found at www.sandiegoartandsol.com

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Actors Alliance of San Diego

619-224-3600, 619-224-4600

www.actorsalliance.com

A non-profit membership based service organization dedicated to the advancement, education and exposure of the theatre artist in the San Diego area, and to enhance the good of the community through the medium of theatre.

Actors' Conservatory Theatre (ACT- San Diego)

858-777-9899

www.actsandiego.com

ACT offers classes and workshops taught to encourage students to be well-respected, professional actors and teachers. ACT also produces youth theatre productions of the highest quality to be found in San Diego with a production staff lead by all pro actor/directors, producers, musical directors and choreographers.

AjA Project

www.ajaproject.org

The AjA Project was founded to empower refugee youth to use photography and other media arts to share their stories, gain self esteem, and build leadership skills, thereby helping them to create better opportunities for their futures.

ARTS TIX

Located at Horton Plaza at Broadway Circle

619-497-5000

www.sandiegoperforms.com

Source for half price tickets.

Asian American Repertory Theatre

888-568-2278

www.asianamericanrep.org

AART is dedicated to the production of plays by Asian American dramatists, and the development and support of Asian American theatre artists.

Asian Story Theater

619-527-2816

www.asianstorytheater.org

Asian Story Theater broadens multicultural awareness by dramatizing modern and classic Asian/Pacific Islander tales to families, children, and teachers.

Athenaeum Music & Arts Library

858-454-5872

www.ljathenaeum.org

One of only 17 nonprofit, membership libraries in the United States, this rare cultural institution, offers a depth and accessibility of resources and programs found nowhere else in the region.

Balboa Park Puppet Guild

619-544-9203

www.balboaparkpuppets.com

The Balboa Park Puppet Guild offers workshops, apprentice opportunities, children's programs and a year round performance schedule offering shows Wednesdays through Sundays.

Balboa Theatre

619-570-1100

www.sdbalboa.org

After a five year, \$26.5 million renovation and restoration effort by the City's Redevelopment Agency, the 83 year old Balboa Theatre once again hosts a diverse line up of performances to excite, educate and entertain San Diego audiences.

Black Storytellers of San Diego

619-422-7053

Broadway/San Diego

619-564-3000

www.BroadwaySD.com

Broadway San Diego proudly presents Broadway's hottest touring hits at both the Civic Theatre and the gorgeously restored Balboa Theatre.

California Ballet Company

858-560-5676, 858-560-6741

www.californiaballet.org

California Ballet Company is a non-profit organization committed to presenting a full season of professional ballet each year.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido

800-988-4253

www.artcenter.org

The Center is located on a 12-acre campus in the heart of Escondido's blossoming downtown. Featuring a 1500-seat Concert Hall, a 400-seat theater, an education and Museum complex and a Conference Center, The Center boasts a performing arts season featuring top flight artists in all disciplines.

California Youth Conservatory Theatre

619-944-7574

www.cyctheatre.com

Originally founded in 2003, California Youth Conservatory (CYC) is an exciting theatre company for young people. CYC's mission is to provide artistic learning opportunities for young, aspiring performers who wish to build confidence, greater levels of skill and a greater understanding of professional Performing Arts.

Camarada

619-231-3702

www.camarada.org

Camarada is committed to creating, performing and commissioning concerts of chamber music from a vast spectrum of musical styles, eras, and aesthetics.

Carlsbad Playreaders

www.carlsbadplayreaders.org

Carlsbad Playreaders was founded in 1995 by Pat and Jim Hansen to "present plays that seek to explore the human condition and, thereby, enrich the lives of audiences in Carlsbad and neighboring communities."

Center for World Music

858-826-1625

www.centerforworldmusic.org

The Center for World Music is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to foster awareness and understanding of the world's performing arts traditions through programs of performance, teaching, and cultural travel.

Centro Cultural de la Raza

619-235-6135

www.centroculturaldelaraza.org

Multidisciplinary cultural arts center, promoting, preserving and creating Mexican, Chicano and Indigenous art and culture.

Christian Community Theater

619-588-0206

www.cctcyt.org

CCT produces Broadway style musical theater in various locations around the county including the East County Performing Arts Center in El Cajon, the scenic Mt. Helix Amphitheater in La Mesa, on the flight deck of the USS Midway and, atop the luxurious Westgate Hotel in downtown San Diego.

Chula Vista School of Creative and Performing Arts

619-691-5765

www.suhsd.k12.ca.us/cvh/scpa

At Chula Vista's SCPA, professional educators, performers and artists deliver an exciting and challenging collegiate-style curriculum to over 850 culturally, ethnically and socio-economically diverse students.

Cinema Society/Visual Arts Foundation

619-280-1600

www.cinemasociety.com

The CINEMA SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO is your ticket to discovering carefully selected motion pictures offered by the top major and independent studios before they are released to the public, along with celebrity salutes involving classics.

City Ballet

858-272-8663

www.cityballet.org

Since 1993 City Ballet, under the direction of international ballet stars Steven and Elizabeth Wistrich, has been producing a full season of ballet concerts with diverse programming including classical, neo-classical and contemporary works.

Classics for Kids

619-291-3111

www.classics4kids.org

The mission of Classics for Kids is to educate children about classical music through professional orchestra concerts and programs. Classics for Kids is engaging children through arts based programs and promoting our rich cultural legacy as a catalyst for lifelong learning.

Coast Kids

760-721-9983

Comedy Store

858-454-9176

www.thecomedystore.com/2000/lajolla.htm

The Comedy Store is a 3 room "home away from home" for some of the hottest new comedians in the country and a "pit-stop" for most of the well known comedians of our time.

Comic-Con International

619-491-2475

www.comic-con.org

Comic-Con International is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to creating awareness of, and appreciation for, comics and related popular art forms, primarily through the presentation of conventions and events that celebrate the historic and ongoing contribution of comics to art and culture.

Community Actors Theatre

619-264-3391

www.communityactorstheatre.com

An African American Theatre which promotes and celebrates the African American Cultural Heritage and diversity.

Compass Theatre

619-688-9210

www.compasstheatre.com

49 seat theatre in Hillcrest that offers plays for a broad audience; from Greek Classics to plays for a gay audience, Compass Theatre is gathering a reputation for presenting quality theatre.

Coronado School of the Arts

619-522-4050

www.cosa.coronado.k12.ca.us

A Visual and Performing Arts School located on the campus of Coronado High School.

Coronado Playhouse

619-435-4856

www.coronadoplayhouse.com

The Coronado Playhouse is an intimate, 100-seat cabaret-style theatre with a full service bar. The playhouse is dedicated to providing quality entertainment with a combination of delightful classic comedies, dramas, and mysteries, dazzling musicals, colorful FREE Shakespeare, and exciting original works by local authors.

Culture Shock Dance Troupe

619-299-2110

www.cultureshockdance.org

Culture Shock is a troupe of individuals who, through the power of music and dance, cultivate self-worth, dignity, and respect for all people. Culture Shock is a professional entertainment group, as well as a youth outreach organization.

Cygnnet Theatre Company

619-698-5855

www.cygnnettheatre.com

Believing in the power of theatre to startle the soul, ignite debate and embrace the diversity of the community in which it serves, Cygnnet Theatre Company is fearlessly committed to the dissection, examination and celebration of the human story through the medium of live theatre.

Diversionsary Theatre

619-220-0097

www.diversionary.org

Diversionsary was founded in 1985 to provide quality theatre for the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. The mission of the theatre is to produce plays with gay, lesbian and bisexual themes that portray characters in their complexity and diversity both historically and contemporarily.

East County Performing Arts Center

619-440-2277

www.ecpac.com

The Arts Center showcases the finest local, national and International talent and serves as a creative arts educational resource for area schools. The theatre also serves as a performance showplace for community organizations, professional producers and corporations.

Eveoke Dance Theatre

619-238-1153

www.eveoke.org

Eveoke Dance Theatre cultivates compassionate social action through arts education, evocative performance, and community building.

Fern Street Community Arts

619-235-9756

www.fernstreetcircus.com/contact.htm

Fern Street Circus is committed to working with San Diego's finest circus and variety artists and developing a unique experience for residents and visitors alike.

Gay Men's Chorus of San Diego

619-574-6273

www.gmcsd.com

GMCSD is dedicated to musical excellence by producing high-quality choral performances, as well as actively supporting the gay community as goodwill ambassadors through music. GMCSD performs three fully-produced concerts each year in addition to singing at numerous other events throughout San Diego.

Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department

619-644-7234

www.grossmont.net/theatrebrochur/

The courses offered by Grossmont College in the area of theatre arts are designed to offer a broad range of opportunities for students interested in all phases of theatre.

Icarus Puppet Company

619-563-5252

www.icaruspuppet.org

Dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults by engaging families and communities with professional puppet theatre, Icarus Puppet Company creates original plays with puppets, educational programs, and presenting programs.

Imagination Express ALL-ABOARD!

619-482-8856

www.ieallaboard.org

Imagination Express ALL-ABOARD was formed in 1997 and debuted in Kids' Night Out, sponsored by the Dr. Seuss Foundation, for the '98 San Diego Actors' Festival. Since then, we have mimed throughout southern California in arts festivals, schools, libraries, bazaars, shopping malls, corporate and private parties. Our goal is to keep the art of Mime alive as a viable form of theatre and to bring powerful messages through stage performance.

Ion Theatre

619-374-6894

www.iontheatre.com

From electrifying new plays to re-imagined classics, ion is San Diego's newest and hottest live theatre company--intense, offbeat, powerful--just a taste of what's in store

J* Company Youth Theatre

858-362-1348

www.lfjcc.org

The J* Company Youth Theatre, a program of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture, is one of San Diego's leading non-denominational, competitive youth theatre companies.

Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theatre

619-225-1803

www.sandiegodancetheater.org

San Diego Dance Theater (SDDT) has for 33 years enriched the cultural life of San Diego through countless dance concerts and training for young dancers.

La Jolla Music Society

858-459-3728

www.lajollamusicociety.org

La Jolla Music Society contributes to San Diego's cultural vitality year-round through a rich variety of presentations, including classical, jazz and contemporary music, and dance.

La Jolla Playhouse

858-550-1010

www.lajollaplayhouse.com

The Playhouse's brilliant and innovative productions of classics and new plays and musicals, including 41 world premieres, 24 West Coast premieres and seven American premieres, have merited over 300 major honors including the 1993 Tony® Award as America's Outstanding Regional Theatre.

La Jolla Symphony & Chorus

858-534-4637

www.lajollasympphony.com

Rooted in San Diego for over 50 years, the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus enriches our lives through affordable concerts of ground-breaking, traditional and contemporary music.

Lamb's Players Theatre

619-437-0600

www.lambplayers.org

Lamb's Players is an artist-directed organization. It was the first theatre in San Diego to establish a full-time, long-term company of actors, directors, playwrights and designers and it continues to maintain the Southwest's only year-round acting ensemble.

Lamplighters Community Theatre

619-464-4598

www.lamplighterstheatre.org

The Lamplighters Community Theatre provides a venue for community oriented theater serving the City of La Mesa and the surrounding areas in San Diego County.

Lyric Opera San Diego

619-239-8836

www.lyricoperasandiego.org

Lyric Opera provides affordable musical theatre for all, featuring exciting artists in innovative approachable productions of tuneful classics from Mozart to Gershwin.

Lynx Performance Theatre

www.lynxperformance.com

Lynx Performance Theatre is dedicated to creating dramatic performance that arouses your heart, nourishes your mind and invigorates your soul.

Mainly Mozart

619-239-0100

www.mainlymozart.org

A critically-acclaimed non-profit organization that produces orchestral and chamber music concerts and a renowned summer music festival throughout Southern California and Baja California.

Malashock Dance

619-260-1622

www.malashockdance.org

Founded by John Malashock in 1988, following his extensive career in dance and theater, the Company performs in various San Diego venues and events and has tours nationally and internationally.

Media Arts Center San Diego

619-230-1968

www.sdlatinofilm.com

Media Arts Center San Diego, producer of the San Diego Latino Film Festival, promotes access to film and video as tools for community self-expression and social change and supports the professional development of media artists.

MiraCosta College Theatre

760-795-6815

www.miracostatheatre.com

MiraCosta College invites you to sing, dance, paint, and/or act in any of its 150 performing and visual arts courses.

Moonlight Stage Productions

760-724-2110

www.moonlightstage.com

Moonlight Stage Productions produce high-quality plays and musicals performed in Vista, Ca.

Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company

619-342-7395

www.moolelo.net

Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company offers professional, socially-conscious theater which provides a voice for diverse and underrepresented communities, aesthetics, and issues on stage; generates participation and dialogue; and creates paid employment for local professional theater artists.

Moxie Theatrewww.moxietheatre.com

MOXIE Theatre produces plays that break new ground either through subject matter, style, or simply by conquering stereotypes. Founded and directed by women, MOXIE is one of the few theatres to produce primarily female playwrights.

Mystery Café Dinner Theater

619-460-2200

www.mysterycafe.net

Mystery Café is an evening of the most informal dining fun you'll ever find in San Diego. What we're known for is fast-paced comedy, the kind you'd watch on your favorite prime-time sitcom.

National Comedy Theatre

619-295-4999

www.nationalcomedy.com

San Diego's nationally acclaimed improvisational comedy group. NCT also provides corporate entertainment, team building and weekly public performances.

New Works/Vantage Theatre

858-454-2659

www.vantagetheatre.com

Vantage offers you a new way of experiencing theatre, a new "Vantage" point on the classics and experimental theatre. Our gypsy company likes to match the play with the space.

New Village Arts Theatre

760-633-1130

www.newvillagearts.org

Exciting year-round live theatre under the direction of Actors Studio Drama School graduate Kristianne Kurner. Please check the web site for other current performances.

New Vision Theatre Company & Light Touch Productionswww.nvtheatre.com

New Vision produces 5 or 6 live theatrical productions each year, normally running them for 9 performances. We also produce and promote 12 – 15 musical concerts each year featuring local musicians. In addition, we provide performance space to several youth performance groups on a regular basis as well as to Oceanside HS.

North Coast Repertory Theatre

858-481-1055

www.northcoastrep.org

For over 23 years, North Coast Repertory Theatre has produced quality theatre in the North County. NCRT's intimate 194-seat space in Solana Beach attracts audiences from all across San Diego County, demonstrating the vital role that the theatre plays in the region.

NTC Promenade

619-573-9260

www.ntcpromenade.org

NTC Promenade, located at the former Naval Training Center in Point Loma, is San Diego's flagship destination for arts, culture, science and technology. With 28 acres of beautifully renovated Spanish Revival architecture, NTC Promenade is a new landmark showcasing San Diego's creative community, and offering state-of-the-art venues for indoor or outdoor events, parties, seminars, retreats, and meetings.

The Old Globe

619-234-5623

www.theoldglobe.org

The internationally-acclaimed, Tony® Award-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theatres in the country, and has stood as San Diego's flagship arts institution for over 70 years. The Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including its highly-regarded Shakespeare festival.

OnStage Playhouse

619-422-7787

www.onstageplayhouse.org

OnStage Playhouse is the only live community theatre in Chula Vista, the second largest city in San Diego County. We operate year round, producing six or more superior plays per year. OnStage has an intimate theater seating 60 playgoers.

Palomar College Performing Arts Department

760-744-1150, Ext. 2316

<http://www.palomar.edu/performingarts>

Palomar Performing Arts is a community where the human spirit is continually renewed and a place where we are reminded of the qualities that make us human.

PASACAT Philippine Performing Arts Company

619-477-3383

www.pasacat.org

PASACAT's mission is to preserve and promote the Asian Pacific culture through the arts, thereby, extending goodwill and enhancing cultural understanding.

Patio Playhouse

760-746-6669

www.patioplayhouse.com

Patio Playhouse was incorporated in November of 1967 to establish a theatre group for theatrical arts education and presentation. For over three decades, we've been building a community of playgoers and participants by providing affordable, quality entertainment and opportunities for people to take part in the production of award-winning shows.

Patricia Rincon Dance Collective

760-632-5340

www.rincondance.org

A San Diego-based modern/theatre dance company since 1982.

Persian Cultural Center

858-653-0336

www.pccus.org

Established in 1989, the Persian Cultural Center (PCC), better known to the community as "Kanoon", is a 501(c)(3) non-profit national organization, with no-political or religious affiliation. PCC was created to celebrate, share and promote the very rich cultural abundance of its many ethnic groups and their history.

Playwrights Project

619-239-8222

www.playwrightsproject.com

Playwrights Project promotes literacy, communication skills and creativity in young people through drama based activities and engages the minds and imaginations of older people by sharing their experiences through theatre.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts

858- 668-4693

www.powayperformingarts.com

Owned and operated by the City of Poway, Community Service Department, the PCPA is a state-of-the-art theatre with an 803-seat facility. It was designed for professional performances ranging from major plays and concerts to appearances by individual artists of national acclaim.

Poway Center for the Performing Arts Foundation

858-748-0505

www.powayarts.org

Formed in 1990, the PCPA Foundation is the non-profit organization responsible for booking professional artists into the city-owned Poway Center for the Performing Arts. Each year the Foundation, in partnership with the City of Poway and the Poway Unified School District, assembles a line up of top-notch talent from the worlds of drama, dance, music, comedy and more.

Poway Performing Arts Company

858-679-8085

www.powpac.org

Community theatre presenting six plays a season.

Premiere Productions/Premiere for Kids/The Broadway Theatre

760-806-7905

www.premiereforkids.com

We are a theater that dares to be different. A theater that once again, makes going to the theater "an event." In just five short years, this intimate 49 seat space was honored by KGTV Channel 10 as the BEST THEATER IN SAN DIEGO for 2007 AND 2008!

Ramona Mainstage Theatre

760-789-7008

www.ramonamainstage.com

Ramona Mainstage now operates as a performing arts facility, presenting a diverse range of live entertainment centering on theatrical performance, music, dance, comedy and celebrity appearances. The venue is also available for lectures, educational events, business gatherings, religious services, community events and other special events.

Point Loma Nazarene University

619-849-2200

www.pointloma.edu/SalomonTheatre.htm

SAMAHAN Filipino American Performing Arts

619-422-3695

www.samahanphilippinedance.com

The purpose of the Samahan Philippine Dance Company is to provide Filipino youth opportunity to gain knowledge and appreciation of their cultural heritage.

San Diego Actors Theatre

858-268-4494

www.sdactorstheatre.net

SDAT is a small non-profit professional theatre organization founded in 1985. Its mission is to complement San Diego theatre by presenting provocative, entertaining award-winning plays by America's Pulitzer prize-winning playwrights. The works of William Shakespeare are presented at site-specific venues in their annual and immensely popular "Simply Shakespeare" program.

San Diego Ballet

619-294-7378

www.sandiegoballet.org

To excite, enrich and entertain our diverse community through an imaginative presentation of quality classical and contemporary dance.

San Diego Center for Jewish Culture

858-362-1344

www.lfjcc.org

The mission of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, is to expand and enrich cultural life in San Diego by presenting the finest in Jewish artistic expressions; encouraging the preservation of Jewish culture and heritage; and nurturing new creativity in arts.

San Diego Chamber Orchestra

858-350-0290, Ext. 7

www.sdco.org

Jung-Ho Pak, Artistic Director and Conductor, leads an orchestra of over 30 professional musicians in performances of major classical repertoire. Main series include: Classics, Handel's Messiah, and Summer Pops Concerts.

San Diego Children's Choir

858-587-1087

www.sdcchoir.org

The San Diego Children's Choir is a non-profit public benefit corporation. The Choir provides the children and youth of San Diego opportunity for artistic and personal growth through choral music performance.

San Diego City College Visual & Performing Arts

619-388-3617

www.sdcity.edu/savilletheater/

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts consists of six disciplines, Dance, Electronic Music, Graphic Design, Musical Theatre, Photography, Theatre, and Two and Three Dimensional Art. The Saville Theatre is home to the Visual and Performing Arts Department, World Cultures presentations and Jazz Live concerts presented by KSDS FM radio.

San Diego Civic Theatre

619-570-1100

858-570-1100

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www.sdcivic.org

The 2,967 seat San Diego Civic Theatre is the region's largest and greatest attended performing arts venue. The Civic Theatre is owned by the City of San Diego and is managed and operated by San Diego Theatres on behalf of the community.

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet

619-233-3060

www.sdcyb.org

Young artists perform in three major productions each year in the Casa del Prado Theater. Students experience the thrill of performing before an audience while learning the practical aspects of the theater.

San Diego Early Music Society

619-226-4266

www.sdems.org

The San Diego Early Music Society is a non-profit organization founded to showcase the musical treasures of Europe's medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods, as performed on period instruments and in accordance with historical practice.

San Diego Guild of Puppetry

800-954-6696

www.sandiegoguildofpuppetry.org

The primary puppetry resource for the people of San Diego, producing an exciting array of high quality programs, often in collaboration with other theaters, arts and community organizations.

San Diego Junior Theatre

619-239-1311

www.juniorthatre.com

San Diego Junior Theatre originally began as a community program by the Old Globe Theatre. Today, SDJT operates as an independent, nonprofit organization for the benefit of children throughout San Diego County, and is the oldest continuing children's theatre program in the country.

San Diego Master Chorale

858-581-2203

www.sdmasterchorale.org

Led by Music Director Gary McKercher, SDMC consists of 120 top-quality volunteer singers. Its mission is to preserve and promote choral music through performances, education and diverse community outreach.

San Diego Men's Chorus

619-296-SONG

www.sdmc.org

The San Diego Men's Chorus seeks to promote social progress and equality through the power of gay men's voices united in song.

San Diego Musical Theatre

858-560-5740

www.sdmtd.org

San Diego Musical Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, regional, professional theatre, producing Broadway musicals, year round.

San Diego New Music

858-232-3388

www.sandiegonewmusic.com

San Diego New Music is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which presents the annual soundON Festival of Modern Music and hosts its ensemble-in-residence, NOISE.

San Diego Opera

619-232-7636

www.sdopera.com

One of the premier opera companies in America, and highly respected in the international opera community, San Diego Opera brings the world's finest voices to San Diego. We team these acclaimed singers with internationally renowned conductors, directors and designers -- and upwards of 650 local designers, crew and chorus members -- to produce world-class grand opera from January through May.

San Diego Performing Arts League

619-238-0700

www.sandiegoperforms.comwww.sdwhatsplaying.com

The San Diego Performing Arts League is a membership based, not-for-profit, umbrella organization whose mission is to promote San Diego County's performing arts by increasing awareness of and encouraging attendance and participation in arts events. Serving theatre, music, and dance companies throughout San Diego County, the League develops cost-effective, collaborative programs that bring new audiences to the arts and strengthen San Diego's performing arts with new sources of earned income and management support.

San Diego Repertory Theatre

619-544-1000

www.sandiegorep.com

A vital theatre at Horton Plaza producing adventurous programming that explores spiritual, political and cultural values vital to our community, in partnership with artists from a broad range of disciplines and cultures, for an audience that reflects the dynamic diversity of cultures, ages, and economic means which comprise the population of San Diego with a focus on a truly visceral experience.

San Diego State University School of Music & Dance

619-594-6031

<http://music.sdsu.edu/>

The mission of San Diego State University's School of Music and Dance is to provide the highest quality education for performers, choreographers, educators, researchers and those who may be in fields related to music and dance. In addition, the School of Music and Dance is committed to provide the general student, our future audience, with the deepest understanding and appreciation of music and dance.

San Diego State University School of Theatre, Television & Film

619-594-5091

<http://theatre.sdsu.edu>

The Mission of the School of Theatre, Television, and Film is to provide quality education on the undergraduate and graduate levels for students seeking careers in all areas of live theatre and the moving arts; to support the University's central mission to educate the whole person in the liberal arts tradition; and to foster academic and creative interaction between established and emerging artists on campus and off.

San Diego Symphony

619-235-0804

www.sandiegosymphony.com

In the 91 years since its inception, San Diego Symphony has become one of the leading orchestras in the United States. It is committed to providing musical experiences of superior quality for the greater San Diego community and beyond. Through a rich mixture of innovative and educational programming designed to appeal to all ages and cultures, the Symphony makes music an integral part of the cultural and intellectual fabric of the San Diego Region, valued by and relevant to all its residents.

San Diego Women's Chorus

619-291-FEMM

www.sdw.org

Through musical expression, San Diego Women's Chorus encourages women's creativity, celebrates diversity, and inspires social action.

San Diego Shakespeare Society

619-583-8525

www.sandiegoshakespearesociety.org

Society dedicated to encouraging the study of the life and works of William Shakespeare and fostering and promoting an interest in other literature, poetry, art and music through lectures, competitions, performances, and the like.

San Diego Young Artists Music Academy

619-264-2220

www.madachoir.org

To enhance the lives of the children in Southeastern San Diego through music education as a deterrent to the drugs and violence that is prevalence in our communities.

San Diego Young Artists Symphony

619-235-8067

www.sdyas.org

The San Diego Young Artists Symphony provides orchestral training for young musicians who have the ability and desire to study and perform symphonic repertoire in an environment that has expectations and standards of excellence similar to those of a music conservatory.

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory

619-233-3232

www.sdys.org

The San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory gives talented student and pre-professional musicians an opportunity to study and perform classical repertoire at a highly advanced level.

Scripps Ranch Theatre

858-578-7728

www.scrippsranchtheatre.org

Scripps Ranch Theatre performs in the Legler -Benbough Theatre on the campus of Alliant International University. We are committed to producing quality and entertaining theater, consistently.

Schroeder's Club & Cabaret/Smgo Productions

www.schroeders.cc

Schroeder's at Tango Del Rey, our New York-style venue is patterned after the clubs in New York, LA and San Francisco and has a comfortable, inviting ambiance complete with professional lighting and sound, a baby grand piano and movie-palace architecture.

Sledgehammer Theatre

619-544-1484

www.sledgehammer.org

Sledgehammer Theatre has emerged as a nationally recognized company known for intense dedication to the development of new American voices in the theater. The company's work is distinguished for adventurous excellence and numerous artistic achievements; the repertoire is routinely recognized for spectacular use of space and design, prolific new play development, and vibrant performances.

Southwestern College Arts and Communications

619-482-6372

Spreckels Organ Society

619-702-8138

www.serve.com/sosorgan

Presenters of Music - Organ Concerts at Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park, San Diego.

Spreckels Theatre

619-234-8397

www.spreckels.net

This magnificent 1464 seat theatre has played host to San Diego's finest attractions, first as a vaudeville house, then a movie palace of the motion picture hey-day and now as a live presentation venue.

Starlight Theatre

619-544-STAR

www.StarlightTheatre.org

Stone Soup Theatre Company

619-287-3065

www.stonesouptheatre.net

Stone Soup Theatre Company began as a commitment by young graduates of SDSU's theatre program to continue to practice the edgy, controversial work we were allowed to practice at the university, but was not promoted often enough to the general public.

Sunshine Brooks Theater

760-231-9471

www.sunshinebrookstheater.com**Sushi Performance and Visual Art**

619-235-8466

www.sushiart.org

Sushi Performance and Visual Art has long been a pioneer on the cultural landscape of San Diego, presenting some of the most innovative art in the city for over 25 years.

Swedenborg Hall

619-296-5662

UCSD University Events Office

858-534-4090

www.ueo.ucsd.edu

The University Events Office brings national and international artists to UCSD. We invite you to performances and events that offer exceptional opportunities to enjoy a variety of artistic disciplines.

UCSD Theatre and Dance

858-534-4574

www-theatre.ucsd.edu

A vital theatrical force on the San Diego landscape for over thirty years, in 1985, UCSD Theatre and Dance established a unique professional relationship with The La Jolla Playhouse. That relationship continues to grow and strengthen each year as The La Jolla Playhouse (Tony, Outstanding Regional Theatre, 1993) is in residence at The UCSD Theatre District for extended seasons from May through December in our shared facilities --the multi-venue Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts.

University of San Diego

619-260-7934

www.sandiego.edu/theatre

The mission of the Theatre Arts Program of the University of San Diego is to present and promote theatre as an essential component of civilization, one that educates and entertains.

Welk Resort Theatre

888-802-7469

www.welktheatresandiego.com

Welk Resort San Diego offers live theatre at the 339-seat theatre, which includes a dinner buffet option and museum of Lawrence Welk's life. The Welk Resort Theatre is home to top-notch actors and musicians, performing Broadway style musicals.

Westwind Brass

619-501-3562

www.westwindbrass.org

Westwind Brass is a brass quintet that embraces music from all cultures and eras. As ensemble in residence at the School of Music and Dance at San Diego State University, we are equally involved in performance and education.

Young Actors' Theatre

619-670-1627

www.yatsandiego.org

At Young Actors' Theatre, also known as **YAT**, we believe that students of all ages should be exposed to the arts. We accomplish this by offering year-round productions. Our award-winning productions are for students and family audiences, and presented by students.

Young Audiences of San Diego

619-282-7599

www.yasandiego.org

For 45 years, Young Audiences of San Diego (YASD) has dedicated itself to integrating the arts into the education and lives of all children of our region through an extraordinary range of high quality performances, residencies and workshops to help our young people identify their cultural roots and discover their creative wings.

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES**Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum**

760-941-1791

www.agsem.com

Historic gas, steam, and horse-powered equipment used in farming, lumbering, mining and construction are actually in use on this living history site, along with a blacksmith shop, sawmill and farmhouse.

Barona Cultural Center and Museum

619-443-7003

www.baronamuseum.org

A Tribal Museum dedicated to the culture of the Barona Band of Mission Indians and other Southern California Indians. The museum has exhibits, events and educational programs to promote a better understanding of the local Indian culture and to provide a social and educational forum for the members of the culture.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps

858-534-FISH

<http://aquarium.ucsd.edu>

Set against a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Birch Aquarium at Scripps is home to thousands of fish and more than 350 species of Pacific marine life.

Cabrillo National Monument

619-683-6320

www.nps.gov/cabr/lighthouse.html

Administered by the National Park Service, San Diego's only unit of the National Park System, this 160-acre national monument was created by President Woodrow Wilson on October 14, 1913 to commemorate the life and historic voyage of exploration of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido

800-988-4253

www.artcenter.org/museum.htm

The Center is located on a 12-acre campus in the heart of Escondido's blossoming downtown. Featuring a 1500-seat Concert Hall, a 400-seat theater, an education and Museum complex and a Conference Center, The Center boasts a performing arts season featuring top flight artists in all disciplines.

California Surf Museum

760-721-6876

www.surfmuseum.org

The California Surf Museum serves as an international repository and resource center on the lifestyle sport of surfing through capturing, preserving, and chronicling its art, culture and heritage for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

California Missions

www.missionsofcalifornia.org

Mission Basilica San Diego De Alcala

619-283-7319

www.missionsandiego.com

First of the 21 missions and known as the Mother of the Missions, Mission San Diego de Alcala was founded on July 16, 1769 by Blessed Junipero Serra. It was designated as a Minor Basilica in 1976 by Pope Paul VI. The Mission today is an active Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego.

Mission San Luis, Rey de Francia

760-757-3651

www.sanluisrey.org

King of the Missions and a jewel of San Diego County North. A National Historic Landmark, the eighteenth mission, founded in 1798, Mission San Luis Rey is the largest of the 21 California Missions. Museum, Lavanderia, picnic gardens, gift shop and hiking trails on 56 acres.

Mission San Antonio de Pala (Asistencia)

760-742-1600

www.missionsanantonio.org

One of four asistencias (sub-missions or satellite missions) operated by the Alta California missions. Established by Fr. Antonio Peyri in 1815 as a branch of Mission San Luis, Rey de Francia; dedicated June 13, 1816.

Chula Vista Nature Center

619-409-5900

www.chulavistaca.gov/Attraction/nature.asp

A wetlands wildlife preserve featuring exhibits, activities and tours. Interactive exhibits at the Nature Center describe the history, geology, ecology, natural history and bio-diversity of Sweetwater Marsh and San Diego Bay.

Coronado Historical Association Museum of History and Art

619-435-7242

www.coronadohistory.org

Permanent exhibits explore Coronado's early history, Navy and Army's role in Coronado, and the Hotel del Coronado and Tent City Resort. The special exhibit gallery is host to changing exhibits related to different aspects of Coronado.

Escondido History Center and Heritage Walk Museum

760-743-8207

www.escondido.org/glance/uniquely/history/index.html

Artifacts and photographs from Escondido's early days are displayed inside a historic Santa Fe train depot.

Fallbrook Historical Society Museum

619-723-4125

www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.com

Photographs and antiques from Fallbrook's history are displayed in a 100 year old farmhouse.

Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum

877-FLY-USMC

www.flyingleathernecks.org

This one-of-a-kind Aviation Museum was developed by a dedicated curatorial staff, with the help of many volunteers. What sets this museum apart from all others is the fact that it is the only museum in the World dedicated to preserving the incredible contributions made by Marine Corps Aviators and their ground support personnel.

Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation

619-233-4692

www.gaslampquarter.org

Through its operation of the William Heath Davis House Museum and Park, the GQHF promotes the educational, historical and cultural development of the historic Gaslamp Quarter.

Heritage of the Americas Museum

619-670-5194

www.cuyamaca.net/museum

The Heritage of the Americas Museum, located on the campus of Cuyamaca College in El Cajon, California invites visitors of all ages to experience a journey through time. Five wings divide the building into areas of Natural History, Archaeology, Anthropology, Art, and Education.

Heritage Park Village

619-291-9784

www.co.san-diego.ca.us/parks/heritage_park.html

Historic Victorian homes were saved from demolition and moved to this site, and now feature a doll shop, antiques and a bed and breakfast.

Hotel del Coronado

619-435-6611

www.hoteldel.com/about/history.cfm

A gallery featuring photos and memorabilia depicts the hotel's colorful history. One hour guided tours are available Thursday through Saturday.

Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego

619-232-2721

www.niwa.org/display/home.asp

The mission of the JFGS is to create a Japanese-style garden dedicated to the well-being of all people which provides educational programs that encourage understanding of the Japanese heritage among people of diverse ethnic backgrounds and cultures.

Junipero Serra Museum

619-297-3258

www.sandiegohistory.org/serra_museum.html

A San Diego landmark, now home to a 1929 Mission-style museum, with exhibits emphasizing Spanish Colonial and Mexican periods of San Diego's history.

La Jolla Historical Society

858-459-5335

www.lajollahistory.org

The La Jolla Historical Society is dedicated to the discovery, collection and preservation of La Jolla's heritage. Through our collections and programs, we work with the community to discover and record La Jolla's history; to preserve its historical objects, sites and structures; and to increase appreciation of the value of preserving the heritage of the community.

La Mesa Historical Society

619-466-0197

www.lamesahistoricalociety.com

The La Mesa Historical Society operates out of the Rev. Henry McKinney House and Museum. The McKinney House, which was built in 1908, is La Mesa's first historical landmark and is now a museum interpreting early 20th century life in La Mesa.

Lawrence Welk Museum

760-749-3448

www.welktheatresandiego.com/index.asp

Memorabilia tracing the entertainer's life and career, and the history of his long-running television show.

LUX Art Institute

760-436-6611

www.luxartinstitute.org

The Lux Art Institute hosts artists-in-residence who will create and exhibit new works inspired by Southern California's unique natural environment. With completion of its permanent facility expected in 2007, visitors to Lux will be able to experience the inspiration of working artists -- gaining a unique insight into both the creative process and the world around them.

MCRD Museum Historical Society

619-524-4426

<http://mcrdmuseumhistoricalsociety.org>

The MCRD Museum Historical Society was founded in 1988. The Society is an independent, not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 public benefit corporation, incorporated by the State of California. Our mission is a passion among Marine Corps veterans and community members. Members enjoy many activities and benefits while helping to preserve the history of the Marine Corps for future generations

Maritime Museum of San Diego

619-234-9153

www.sdmaritime.org

The Maritime Museum of San Diego features the greatest collection of historic ships on the West Coast, including, the world famous 1863 barque Star of India, the luxurious 1904 steam yacht Medea, San Diego's 1914 Pilot boat, the Californian, a replica of a gold rush era revenue cutter and the 1898 steam ferryboat Berkeley.

Marston House Museum

619-298-3142

www.marstonhouse.org/

This 1905 Craftsman-style mansion was designed by architects Irving Gill and William Hebbard for philanthropist, merchant prince and civic leader, George W. Marston.

Mingei International Museum

619-239-0003

www.mingei.org

Incorporated in 1974, Mingei is a non-profit, public foundation dedicated to furthering understanding of art of people from all cultures of the world.

Mormon Battalion Visitor's Center

619-298-3317

www.mormon.org

Historical site and visitors center from the 1847 Mormon Battalion Infantry March.

Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego

858 454 3541

www.mcasd.org

The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego functions as an art museum preserving, presenting, and interpreting the art of our time; a cultural center - a forum for the exploration of contemporary art and ideas; and a research laboratory for artists and audiences. MCASD offers two locations, offering visitors twice the contemporary art and programs.

Museum of Photographic Arts

619-238-7559

www.mopa.org

The Museum of Photographic Arts is one of the only museums in the country dedicated exclusively to the photographic arts, presenting work by some of the world's most celebrated photographers and cinematographers in its spacious new galleries and state-of-the-art 228 seat theater.

Museum of San Diego History

619-232-6203

www.sandiegohistory.org/museum_of_san_diego_history.html

Contains displays relating to local history from 1850 to the present.

New Americans Museum

619-255-8908

www.newamericansmuseum.org

Our museum strives to be a part of a global movement to share the stories of migration. Similar museums are being established in other countries i.e. France, Australia, Brazil, and elsewhere. We hope to share stories of migration from every hemisphere

The New Children's Museum

619-233-8792

www.thinkplaycreate.org

The New Children's Museum is a dynamic, new destination in downtown San Diego- a contemporary art museum for kids and families.

Oceanside Museum of Art

760-721-2787

www.oma-online.org

The Oceanside Museum of Art is a gathering place where friends meet to share and enjoy the rich cultural experiences available in North San Diego County.

Old Town State Historic Park

619-220-5422

www.parks.ca.gov

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park presents the opportunity to experience the history of early San Diego by providing a connection to the past. Learn about life in the Mexican and early American periods of 1821 to 1872. Even today, life moves more slowly in this part of San Diego, where the hustle and bustle is balanced with history and fiestas.

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum

619-478-9937

619-465-7776

www.sdrm.org

The main museum is located in Campo and features a living railway museum and 16 mile train ride. The La Mesa location features a restored 1894 depot, steam locomotive and railroad memorabilia.

Palomar Observatory

760-742-2111

www.astro.caltech.edu/palomarnew

Palomar features one of America's largest telescopes, as well as astronomy related exhibits.

Quail Botanical Gardens

760-436-3036

www.qbggardens.org

Quail Botanical Gardens is dedicated to the conservation of rare and endangered plants from across the globe. San Diego visitors and residents are invited to experience this spectacular collection of flora. Tours, nature walks, lectures, landscape advice and instructional programs are offered to advance public awareness of plant diversity.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

619-238-1233

www.rhfleet.org

With exhibits to touch, IMAX® films to watch and fun to be had, The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center is an educational, entertaining experience for visitors of all ages.

San Diego Air and Space Museum

619-234-8291

www.sandiegoairandspace.org

San Diego boasts one of the country's best aerospace museums - visually chronicling five centuries of aviation and space flight history. Over 65 amazing air and spacecraft make up the Museum's "sky high" collection.

San Diego Archaeological Center

760-291-0370

www.sandiegoarchaeology.org

The San Diego Archaeological Center curates and exhibits artifacts that represent 10,000 years of history of the San Diego Region.

San Diego Art Institute

619-236-0011

www.sandiego-art.org

A non-profit art institute that furthers the living local artists by providing monthly exhibitions in a 10,000 sq. ft. building in the House of Charm in Balboa Park.

San Diego Automotive Museum

619-231-AUTO

www.sdautomuseum.org

Millions of local auto enthusiasts and tourists from all over the world have visited the San Diego Automotive Museum's world-class collection. Today the museum stands as a living tribute to the automobile and what it has meant to our culture.

San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum

619-338-9888

www.sdchm.org

The San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve and share Chinese and Chinese American art, culture and history in order to educate our diverse communities.

San Diego Firehouse Museum

619-232-3473

<http://thesdfirehousemuseum.org>

This 1915 fire station houses antique firefighting equipment, trucks, uniforms and more.

San Diego Hall of Champions

619-234-2544

www.sdhoc.com

The scope of the Hall's exhibits cover sports from high school to college to professional. There are the traditional sports of baseball and football as well as exhibits for the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, Surfing Legends, Action Sports and Disabled Athletes.

San Diego Historical Society

619-232-6203 ext. 102

www.sandiegohistory.org

The Society is the umbrella organization responsible for administering four museums and its rich repository of San Diego regional history, the Research Library and Archives. These museums include: Museum of San Diego History and Research Library & Archives; the 1905 Craftsman-style Marston House; the 1928 Mission Revival-style Serra Museum is located in Presidio Park; and the 1887 Victorian Queen Anne-style Villa Montezuma.

Local History Societies and Museumswww.sandiegohistory.org/links/societies.htm

A list of over 150 local history societies and museums throughout San Diego County.

San Diego Mineral and Gem Society

619-239-8812

<http://www.sdmg.org>

Lapidary arts are the focus, with a wide array of mineral specimens.

San Diego Model Railroad Museum

619-696-0199

www.sdmrm.org

The world's largest operating model railroad exhibit includes four scale model layouts depicting railroads of the Southwest, a toy train gallery and more.

San Diego Museum Council

619-276-0101

www.sandiegomuseumcouncil.org

The San Diego Museum Council is a coalition of more than 30 San Diego County museums working cooperatively to increase awareness of and attendance at the diverse museums in the region. The Council provides support services to the museum industry in management, education, resource networking, advocacy, and promotional opportunities. Each February, SDMC invite entertainment seekers in San Diego County to visit more than 30 participating institutions at half price admission with a FREE Museum Month pass.

San Diego Museum of Art

619-232-7931

www.sdmart.org

Located in the heart of beautiful Balboa Park, the Museum's nationally renowned collections include European, American, Asian, and contemporary art, most notably Spanish and Italian old masters, South Asian paintings, 19th- and 20th-century American paintings and sculptures, and works by contemporary California artists.

San Diego Museum of Man

619-239-2001

www.museumofman.org

Explore the mystery, beauty and excitement of San Diego's only anthropological museum. One of the nation's great collections of artifacts, folk art, and archaeological finds is located here. We invite you to share the adventure and excitement in discovering the heritage of mankind.

San Diego Natural History Museum

619-232-3821

www.sdnhm.org

The Museum has regional displays on the natural history of Southern California and Baja California as well as traveling exhibitions.

San Marcos Museum

619-744-9025

The museum is home to farm equipment, dairy artifacts, pioneer relics and Native American crafts.

Save Our Heritage Organisation/SOHO

619-297-9327

www.sohosandiego.org

Through education, advocacy, and stewardship SOHO's mission is to preserve, promote and support preservation of the architectural, cultural and historical links and landmarks that contribute to the community identity, depth and character of our region.

Tijuana Estuary Visitors Center

619-575-3613

http://trnerr.org/visitors_center.html

A rich biological area where the river meets the sea, and where two countries come together, the Tijuana River Estuary is located on the U.S. side of the border. The U.S. side represents only 1/4 of the total watershed, with the remainder located in Mexico, from Tecate in the East to Tijuana in the West.

Timken Museum of Art

619-239-5548

www.timkenmuseum.org

The Timken Museum of Art houses the Putnam Foundation Collection of European and American old masters and Russian icons. Opened in 1965, the museum presents its permanent collection, twice-yearly special exhibitions, and education programs. Admission to the museum is always free.

USS Midway Museum

619-398-8222

www.midway.org

The ship was commissioned in September, 1945 and served for 47 years including the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf. Nearly 250,000 men served their country aboard the Midway before it was retired in 1992. The ship now serves as a symbol of liberty, freedom and peace.

Veterans Museum & Memorial Center

619-239-2300

www.veteranmuseum.org

The museum honors the contributions and memories of all men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard and Wartime Merchant Marine with displays of artifacts, memorabilia, documents, photographs, and artwork.

Villa Montezuma/Jesse Shepard House

619-232-6203

http://www.sandiegohistory.org/villa_montezuma.html

The first building in San Diego to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this restored 1887 Victorian has period furnishings and Shepard artifacts.

Water Conservation Garden

619-660-0614

www.thegarden.org

The Water Conservation Garden has nearly five acres of displays that showcase water conservation through a series of beautiful themed gardens, such as a native plant garden and a vegetable garden, as well as how-to displays such as mulch and irrigation exhibits. Admission is free, and the Garden can be viewed on a self-guided tour, or through one of our programs.

William Heath Davis House

619-233-4692

www.gaslampquarter.org

The Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation invites you to visit the William Heath Davis House and Museum, the oldest remaining structure in New Town San Diego.

Women's History Museum and Educational Center

619-233-7963

www.whmec.org

The country's only facility with exhibits, library, oral histories, research archives, traveling exhibits, Women's Hall of Fame, and educational programming all devoted to women's history!