

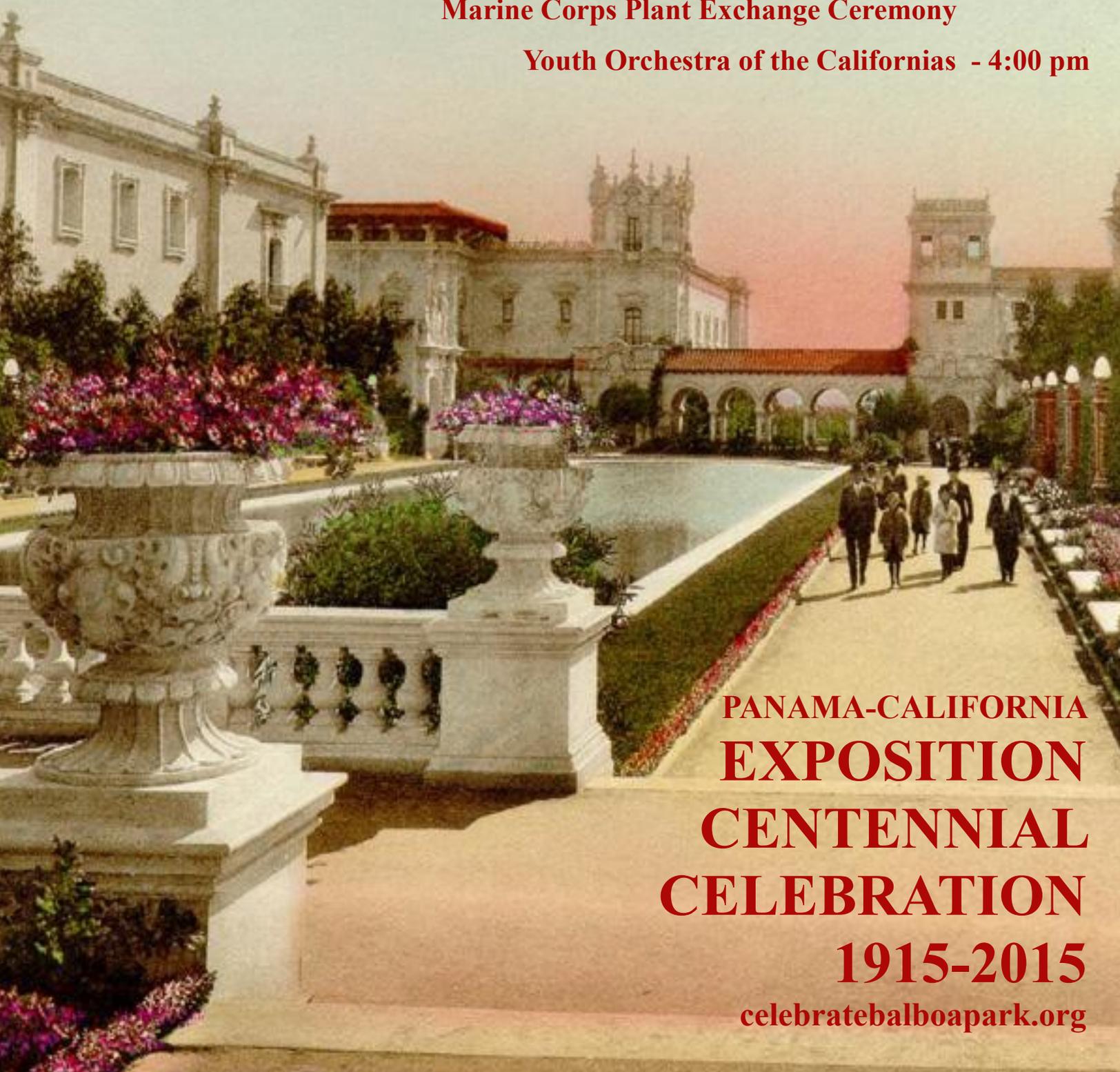
GARDEN PARTY OF THE CENTURY



SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 2015 - ALL DAY - BALBOA PARK, SAN DIEGO

**Kid's Floral Wagon Parade followed by a - 9:30 am
Marine Corps Plant Exchange Ceremony**

Youth Orchestra of the Californias - 4:00 pm



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Come celebrate 100 years of history and horticulture as the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department presents **The Garden Party of the Century on Saturday, May 9th, 2015**. Everyone is invited to enjoy this all day event highlighting the plants and programs that make Balboa Park the gem of San Diego and one of the world's most interesting civic gardens.

The Kid's Floral Wagon Parade will begin at 9:30 am near the Natural History Museum and continue through the park to the Plaza de Panama along El Prado. Immediately following the parade, a battalion from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego will join civic leaders in a special "plant restoration ceremony" and then recreate an historic march across the Cabrillo Bridge – first done by the Marines in 1915. At 4:00 pm, the Youth Orchestra of the Californias, a collaboration between some of the finest string players of Tijuana and San Diego, will present an afternoon concert featuring great classical music.

The party continues for the rest of the day and will feature a floral show, special presentations by horticulture hosts and a wide variety of music, special events and activities for the whole family. Each of the museums and other institutions in the park will be open to help celebrate this unique event.

Celebrate spring during these special events in the weeks leading up to the Garden Party:

Friday, April 24 **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION (10 am to Noon)**

Join the people who helped plant and protect Balboa Park's unique collection of trees as they plant a special tree near the Veteran's Memorial Lawn (Park & Upas) during this morning ceremony.

Saturday, April 25 **TREES FOR HEALTH (11 am to 3 pm)**

Learn more about the many medicinal plants cultivated in Balboa Park. The Trees for Health Garden is located north of El Prado (Laurel Street) along Balboa Drive on the park's West Mesa. Docents and garden experts will be on hand to describe the plants and their value in healthy living.

Saturday, May 2 **BIRD PARK GAMES (11 am to 3 pm)**

The San Diego Native Plant Society will lead a fun trip around Bird Park (28th & Upas). This kid friendly event will feature activities and mini-tours for children interested in learning more about the flora and fauna at home in Balboa Park.

Saturday, May 9 **GARDEN PARTY OF THE CENTURY (9 am to 4 pm)** **PLAZA DE PANAMA, BALBOA PARK**

9:30 am - Kids Floral Wagon Parade along El Prado to the Plaza De Panama followed by a Marine Corps Plant Exchange Ceremony and historic march across the Cabrillo Bridge

4:00 pm - Youth Orchestra of the Californias

- ALL DAY EVENTS**
- San Diego Floral Show (Balboa Park Club)
 - Food Trucks
 - Plein Air Painters
 - Floral Artisans
 - Organ Pavilion Concerts
 - Garden Tours
 - Master Gardener Demonstrations

