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CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS CLOSE IN BALBOA PARK DUE TO COVID-19

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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 of recommended cancellation or postponement for events and gatherings consisting of 250 or more individuals, the following Balboa Park venues will close to the public through the end of the March.

Closures effective Saturday, March 14:

San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego Museum of Man, Balboa Park Carousel, Marston House Museum

Closures effective Monday, March 16:

Fleet Science Center, Japanese Friendship Garden, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego Air and Space Museum, San Diego Automotive Museum, San Diego History Center, San Diego Model Railroad Museum, San Diego Natural History Museum, Spanish Village Art Center, Timken Museum of Art, WorldBeat Center, San Diego Zoo

In addition, performances and classes for San Diego Youth Ballet and San Diego Youth Symphony are suspended, performances for San Diego Junior Theatre are suspended, performances at the Old Globe and events at the Comic-Con Museum are suspended as previously announced; One-Day and Multi-Day Balboa Park Explorer Pass sales will be suspended Monday as well.

Operations continuing until further notice:

Veterans Museum will continue normal operating hours with some exceptions. The regular Spreckels Organ Concert at 2 pm on Sundays will continue with limited services, until further notice. The Balboa

Park Visitors Center, the Prado restaurant, and its Prado Perk coffee cart are staying open with modified services and hours.

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 evaluate re-opening at the end of the month.

A webpage has been established that will aggregate press information from many Balboa Park organizations: culturalpartnership.org/notification

In addition, 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.

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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