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# TIDES OF TIME

A 70-YEAR GALA CELEBRATION  
OF MUSIC & LEGACY  
AT BIRCH AQUARIUM

70<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM | BIRCH AQUARIUM, LA JOLLA

May 16, 2025

Arts Angel:  
Brian Schottlaender

Emcee/Auctioneer:  
Anna Courvette

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This evening's musical performers:

Trombone Choir:

Kayla Aponte

Ted Bietz

Devin Burnworth

Liz Mandel

Steven Nguyen

Joey Ortiz

Jim Prendle

Jacob Raffee

Ronald Scipio

Michael Tramm

Regents Strings:

Ryan Jeffers

Raymond Li

Kaylyn Majers

David Zheng

Schedule of Events At-a-Glance

6:00 pm

Reception & Yearbook Stations

Birch Aquarium Exhibits

Cocktails and Hors'doeuvres

Live Music by LJS&C Musicians

7:00-9:30 pm

Gala Dinner, Arts Angel Tribute,

Live Auction, Musical Interlude

# *Our* STORY



La Jolla Symphony & Chorus (LJS&C) is a renowned cultural nonprofit arts institution dedicated to enriching the San Diego community through the transformative power of music. Founded in 1954, LJS&C has a rich history of artistic excellence and innovation.

As one of San Diego's premier performing arts organizations, LJS&C brings together exceptional community musicians to present dynamic concerts that inspire, engage, and uplift audiences. Led by Music Directors Sameer Patel and Arian Khaefi, LJS&C showcases a diverse repertoire that spans classical masterpieces, contemporary compositions, and collaborative performances with renowned artists.

Beyond its captivating performances, LJS&C is committed to nurturing musical talent and fostering artistic growth in the community. Through educational initiatives, community engagement, and collaborations, LJS&C provides opportunities for aspiring musicians and cultivates a love for music among people of all ages.

At LJS&C, we believe in the power of music to unite, educate, and inspire. Join us as we continue our mission to bring the joy of music to audiences far and wide.

*Unite. Educate. Inspire.*

For more information and upcoming events, visit [www.LJSC.org](http://www.LJSC.org).

*Meet*  
**OUR TEAM**

## Leadership

### Sameer Patel

Music Director & Orchestra Conductor

### Arian Khaefi

Sally and Einar Gall Music Director  
& Chorus Conductor

### Stephanie Weaver Yankee

Executive Director

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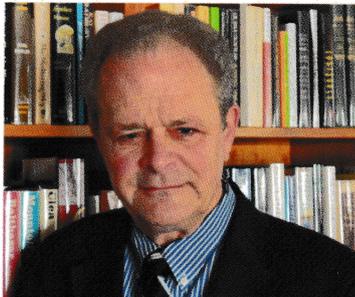
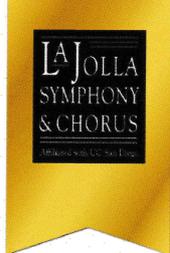
Henry Torres Blanco

## Staff

Robbie Bui, Patron Services Manager

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Jasper Sussman, Community Engagement Manager



## *Arts Angel Award*

# BRIAN SCHOTTLAENDER

We are thrilled to announce that the 2025 La Jolla Symphony & Chorus Arts Angel Award honoree is Brian Schottlaender — a visionary leader, dedicated steward of knowledge, and cherished member of our community.

Brian E. C. Schottlaender is a Founding Principal of [re:work library consulting](#) and the President of the Dr. Seuss Foundation. For nearly 20 years, Schottlaender led the UC San Diego Library as the University Librarian and inaugural holder of The Audrey S. Geisel Chair in Librarianship. He retired from UC San Diego in June 2017. In 2015, Schottlaender was named the Information and Library Sciences Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering at Indiana University and was awarded the Hugh G. Atkinson Memorial Award by the American Library Association (ALA) for innovative leadership in the work of academic libraries. Schottlaender — who held positions at the California Digital Library, UCLA, the University of Arizona, and Indiana University before joining UC San Diego — is also the 2010 recipient of ALA's Melvil Dewey Medal for creative leadership. From 2018 through 2022, he directed the [Library Senior Fellows](#) at UCLA.

In San Diego, Schottlaender chairs the Board of Directors of Geisel-Seuss Enterprises, Inc., having previously served on the Board of Directors of the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, 2014-2024. Nationally, he chairs the ALA Bylaws Committee; is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the Luddy School at Indiana University; is a member of the [Portico](#) Advisory Board; and is an Emeritus Trustee of the ALA Endowment and Past President of the Association of Research Libraries. At LJS&C, Brian's contributions have been both strategic and deeply personal. As a longtime Board member, he has offered not only his leadership and insight, but also a steadfast spirit of kindness, generosity, and belief in the transformative power of music. His rare combination of vision and compassion has helped nurture the organization's growth and its enduring sense of community.

Beyond his titles and achievements, Brian is simply one of the kindest souls you could hope to meet — a person whose thoughtfulness, warmth, and unwavering support have touched countless lives. His presence reminds us that true leadership is not just about accomplishment, but about heart.

Brian's life's work embodies the true spirit of the Arts Angel Award — a commitment to education, community, and the arts as forces for lasting good.

“Take the Baton”  
Conducting Experience



Step into the spotlight with a once-in-a-lifetime chance to conduct a live performance during LJS&C’s 2025–2026 Legends season. The winner will receive a personal conducting lesson with Music Director Dr. Arian Khaefi, then take the podium to lead the orchestra and chorus in concert. An unforgettable, legendary experience—this is your moment to make music history.

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“Dinner & a Maestro”  
An Insider’s Night with Sameer Patel



Experience the heart of music through connection. Join Music Director Sameer Patel for a private dinner filled with conversation, stories, and insight. Then, enjoy a rare chance to sit on stage during a rehearsal, witness the orchestra in action, and take a backstage tour. It’s an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus.

*"Adventures at Sea"*  
A Private Research Vessel  
Tour



Enjoy a rare, behind-the-scenes tour for up to four guests aboard a premier Scripps Institution of Oceanography research vessel — the legendary R/V Roger Revelle or the state-of-the-art R/V Sally Ride. Led by renowned oceanographer Dr. James Swift (our very own LJS&C bassoonist!) you'll explore control rooms, labs, and working decks and share a real galley lunch with the crew. A unique adventure for the curious and bold.

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*"Dance into Joy"*  
Private Contemporary  
Movement Workshops



Experience the joy of movement in two private, 60-minute contemporary dance workshops with award-winning artist Henry Torres Blanco, Artistic Director of Lux Boreal in Tijuana. Designed for all ages and experience levels, these sessions (for up to six people) offer a creative, expressive experience in your own San Diego-area space.

- Two (2) private 60-minute sessions
- For 4 -6 participants
- Held at a location of your choice (yard, living room, open space)
- Must be scheduled by September 30, 2026
- Scheduling through [contacto@luxboreal.org](mailto:contacto@luxboreal.org)

# *Raise the paddle!*



Get ready to light up the stage and shape the future of music—paddle in hand! Help power the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus into an electrifying 2025–2026 season!

Your generous support drives bold artistry, uplifts young talent, and inspires the next generation of composers and musicians. Let's strike a chord together and make musical magic happen.

*Thank you for your support!*

*Our Exciting*  
SPECIAL AUCTION ITEMS

Watercolor Artwork of Jay Wolf  
Schlossberg-Cohen  
Featuring the La Jolla Symphony  
and Chorus musicians LIVE!



Jay Wolf Schlossberg-Cohen is a celebrated multimedia artist whose work centers on themes of social justice and community. Each year, he brings his creative energy to the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus, capturing the spirit of our rehearsals and performances through live sketching and painting. His vibrant, expressive pieces — created in the moment — offer a unique and powerful visual interpretation of the music. We are honored to offer these original works for auction, with proceeds supporting the Symphony and Chorus. Don't miss the opportunity to own a piece from this extraordinary collaboration.

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Handcrafted Fish Art Piece  
Donated by Dr. Varda Lev-Ram  
24" Diameter | Mixed Media



This stunning, one-of-a-kind wall sculpture is a celebration of nature, craftsmanship, and tradition. Created by Dr. Varda Lev-Ram, LJS&C chorus member, this unique piece features an intricately crafted fish constructed from pods of the Golden Medallion tree, palm fronds, a cross-cut wood ring, and seashell accents.

Perfect for collectors and art lovers alike, this piece will make an extraordinary addition to any home or office, while supporting the spirit of creativity at the heart of La Jolla Symphony & Chorus.

A Taste of France – Curated Wine  
Collection  
Donated by Cecil Lytle



Savor the elegance of France with this hand-selected collection of nine exquisite wines, showcasing premier bottles from Burgundy, Bordeaux, Chablis, and Alsace. With refined Pinot Noirs, crisp Chardonnays, elegant sparkling wines, and a grand cru Riesling, this collection is a journey through the heart of French winemaking.

Raise a glass to flavor, finesse, and generosity. Cheers!

# About our AUCTION

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## Bidding: Live Auction

Make bids using the Patron Number written on the back of this Gala Booklet. All bids must include this number. The Patron Number also indicates to the auction runners where you will be seated at dinner. Your Patron Number and Gala Booklet will serve as your bid paddle for the Live Auction.



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## Check-Out

A volunteer runner will provide the check-out staff with your bids after the auction and raise-the-paddle events. Stop by the Cashier to make your gifts to the LJS&C by credit card or check made out to LJS&C upon departure.



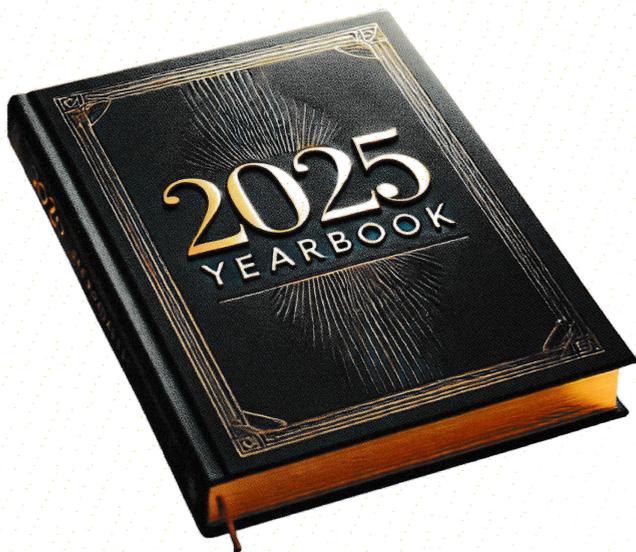
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## Receiving/Coordinating Your Auction Items

If you are receiving a physical item, you will be able to pick it up at the registration and checkout desk. If your item is an experience, one of our staff will be in touch following this event to schedule and coordinate.



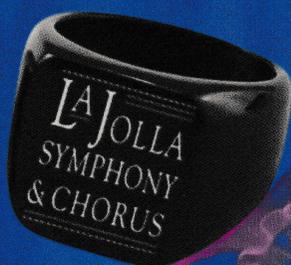
# LJS&C LEGACY YEARBOOKS



After gathering cherished memories and archival treasures from our musicians, we're creating a commemorative yearbook to celebrate this remarkable journey—available at the start of our 2025–26 season.

Tonight's gala offers a unique chance to include its magic in the final edition. Thank you for being part of our story—your presence tonight becomes a lasting piece of our shared legacy.

# LJS&C LEGACY RINGS



# *Thank you* GALA SPONSORS

## Table Sponsorships:

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