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Food Truck Fridays in Balboa Park Returns May 31

Weekly Evening Event Features Free Live Entertainment and Family Activities

May 31 – September 27, 2019, 4:00pm–8:30pm

May 6, 2019 (SAN DIEGO, CA) — The Balboa Park Conservancy’s highly anticipated Food Truck Fridays program returns for 18 straight weeks of great food, free live entertainment, and family-friendly fun. More than a dozen carefully curated gourmet food trucks will be parked along the El Prado walkway every Friday, May 31 through September 27, from 4:00pm to 8:30pm. Now in its fourth year, Food Truck Fridays is a program of the Balboa Park Conservancy in partnership with the City of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation. This year’s series is sponsored in part by California Coast Credit Union, which will be onsite throughout the summer with a variety of activities, special guests, ticket giveaways, and a pet adoption night in collaboration with the San Diego Humane Society.

On select Fridays throughout the summer, Balboa Park will showcase talented local performers and vibrant music, starting with the San Diego Youth Symphony Orchestra performing on the Botanical Building lawn beginning at 7:00pm on May 31. Other upcoming performers include the Naruwan Taiko Drummers (June 7), Finnegan Blue (June 14), Danny Green Trio (June 21), Bayou Brothers (July 5 and August 23), and Latin Classics (August 16), with more to be announced in the coming weeks.

Food Truck Fridays gives thousands of park visitors and families a unique opportunity to sample a diverse, rotating selection of gourmet food trucks, serving everything from appetizers and main courses to desserts and specialty beverages, all in one convenient location. Six new trucks, including El Hueco (Peruvian), LouZiana Food (Cajon/Creole), Street Chef California (Mediterranean), Goodness Cookie Co., and Gelati & Peccati, are being added to the rotation this year to expand the selection of cuisines.

In addition to exceptional food options, Food Truck Fridays presents a full slate of family-friendly fun: Different musical acts perform each night in the Plaza de Panama. The Plaza’s “living room” setup is rolled out, along with giant family game sets. Various Balboa Park cultural institutions and community partners offer hands-on activity and crafts booths for kids. And participating park museums host special evening hours and programs on Fridays (see schedule below or visit www.balboapark.org). For the entertainment schedule and food truck rosters, be sure to visit the [Conservancy's website](#) in the coming weeks and throughout the summer.

Food Truck Fridays Kickoff — May 31

The entertainment at the May 31 Food Truck Fridays gets underway at 5:00pm with **Mariachi Victoria de San Diego**, a program of the City Heights Music School. Under the direction of Mario Eguia, the 25-member band, whose members range in age from 11 to 81, will perform “La Charreada,” “El Son de Los Aguacates,” and “Suavecito Suavecito,” to name a few. The always-dynamic **Flavor Dance Company Entertainment** follows, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, with a colorful and interactive “Dance Party Though the

Decades” performance. At 7:00pm, the **San Diego Youth Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Strings Ensemble**, composed of talented musicians from the SDYS advanced Symphony Orchestra, will perform the music of Dmitry Kabalevsky and other classical composers during a 45-minute free concert on the Botanical Building lawn.

Special Museum/Attraction Hours

Fleet Science Center: Open until 10:00pm, Fridays, 5/31/19 to 8/30/19. Discounted pricing from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Beer and wine available at the Fleet’s Craveology Café.

Museum of Photographic Arts: Open until 8:00pm, Fridays, 5/31/19 to 9/27/19. “Pay What You Wish” admission pricing.

Japanese Friendship Garden: Open until 7:00pm most Fridays. See website (www.niwa.org) for details.

San Diego History Center: Open noon to 7:00pm most Fridays. Curiosity Cart in front of the Casa del Balboa and free seating inside museum atrium with beer and wine available for purchase on select dates.

San Diego Natural History Museum: Open until 10:00pm most Fridays, 5/31/19 to 8/30/19. Half-price museum admission, including films, after 5pm. Rooftop bar serving beer and wine will be open. All ages welcome with theNat admission.

Spanish Village Art Center: Select art studios open until 6:00pm.

The San Diego Museum of Art: Open until 8:00pm most Fridays. \$5 after 5:00pm adult admission on Fridays; ages 17 and under and students with ID are free on Friday evenings.

For more information and updates, visit <http://www.balboaparkconservancy.org/food-truck/>.

Food Truck Fridays is presented in conjunction with the City of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation. It is sponsored in part by California Coast Credit Union and the San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, with promotional support provided by MTS, Canal 12 Televisa, Star 94.1, JAM’N 95.7, Channel 93.3, and the San Diego Public Library.





The Balboa Park Conservancy enriches the visitor experience and keeps Balboa Park magnificent by sustaining and enhancing the park's beauty, and its historic, cultural, and recreational character for the enduring enjoyment of all. Working in partnership with the City of San Diego and surrounding communities, the Conservancy is committed to ensuring that the park's spectacular landscaping, grounds, and structures continue to make Balboa Park one of the best urban cultural parks in the country. For more information, visit <http://www.balboaparkconservancy.org>.

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