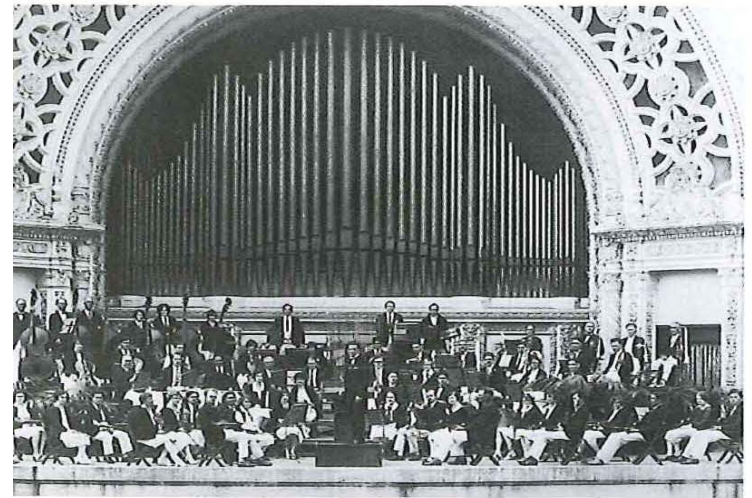


San Diego Centenarian

Talk about continuity: when the San Diego Symphony celebrated its 100th birthday on December 6, the gala festivities were held in the Grand Ballroom of the U. S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego—the same spot where the orchestra gave its very first performance in 1910. These days, the orchestra plays most of its concerts in its own home, the landmark Copley Symphony Hall, as well as venues throughout its hometown, with a repertoire that embraces the classics and new works as well as pops and family events. And it's in solid shape, led since 2003 by Music Director Jahja Ling and Executive Director Edward B. "Ward" Gill. *The San Diego Union-Tribune* calls the orchestra "an economically stable and musically energized public resource." The orchestra's centennial season runs through June 30, and then the second century begins...



San Diego Historical Society

The San Diego Symphony, with conductor Nino Marcelli in 1927 at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in San Diego's Balboa Park. The orchestra still gives free summer concerts in the park.



San Diego Symphony

Current Music Director Jahja Ling leads the San Diego Symphony.