



## A JAHJA LING TIMELINE:

- JAN 14, 2002** Joan and Irwin Jacobs announce an unprecedented pledged gift of \$120M to the San Diego Symphony.
- JAN 17 & 18, 2003** Jahja Ling, Director of the Cleveland Orchestra's Blossom Music Festival, conducts **Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 5** at Copley Symphony Hall as part of a "conductor search" season of the San Diego Symphony. Guest soloist **Lynn Harrell** performs the Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto on the same program.
- APR 18, 2003** The San Diego Symphony announces the appointment of Jahja Ling as the **new Music Director of the Orchestra**, the 12th in its 100+ year history.
- SEP 2003** Ling appoints his first two principal musicians: Concertmaster **Jeff Thayer** and Principal Bass **Jeremy Kurtz-Harris**.
- FEB 6, 7 & 8, 2004** Ling makes his debut as **Music Director Designate** of the San Diego Symphony.
- OCT 8, 9 & 10, 2004** Jahja Ling **makes his official debut as Music Director** of the San Diego Symphony, conducting a season-opening program of music by Corigliano, Chopin and Mahler
- MAY 2005** Ling concludes his first season as Music Director with **Beethoven's Symphony No. 5**, breaking all previous triple-concert sales records of the SDSO.
- MAY 2006** Ling closes his second season with guest pianist **Yefim Bronfman**, who would become a frequent visitor to San Diego during Ling's tenure.
- APR 2007** Ling makes his piano debut at Copley Symphony Hall, performing with his wife **Jessie Chang** on Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos. Ling's conducting mentor, **Otto-Werner Mueller**, leads the concert.
- OCT 2007** Ling opens the 2007-08 season with violinist **Gil Shaham**, the first of many appearances by Shaham over the next decade.
- OCT 2008** **Lang Lang** makes his debut appearance with the San Diego Symphony, opening the 2008-09 season at the Balboa Theatre under the direction of Jahja Ling.
- AUG 2009** Jahja Ling and the San Diego Symphony release *Never Far Away* on the Telarc label, featuring works of Chinese composer **Bright Sheng**, with special guest, harpist **Yolanda Kondonassis**.
- FEB 2010** Lawrence Robinson gifts Copley Symphony Hall back to the San Diego Symphony four years earlier than planned, inspired by the Symphony's sustained growth and financial stability.
- APR 22 - MAY 1, 2010** During a Beethoven Festival featuring all five piano concertos conducted by Ling, last minute substitutions by **Jon Kimura Parker** and **Orli Shaham** add unexpected drama, culminating in the triumphant return of a recovered **Yefim Bronfman** to finish the festival.
- OCT 2010** The San Diego Symphony's **Centennial Season** kicks off with an unforgettable concert with **Yo-Yo Ma** at the Balboa Theatre, led by Jahja Ling.
- JAN 2011** In a true pinnacle experience of the Centennial Season, **Lang Lang** sells out Copley Symphony Hall three nights in a row with three different programs, all conducted by Jahja Ling. It remains one of the best selling weekends in the history of the Orchestra.
- OCT 2011** Jahja Ling and the Orchestra open a new season with pianist **Jean-Yves Thibaudet** and soprano **Kathleen Battle**.
- OCT 2011** The San Diego Symphony and Jahja Ling release a world premiere recording, *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant*, featuring pianists **Orli Shaham** and **Jon Kimura Parker**.
- OCT 29, 2013** Jahja Ling conducts the **San Diego Symphony's debut concert at Carnegie Hall** with special guest **Lang Lang**. The concert is completely sold out, and 500 San Diegans are among the attendees.
- OCT 30 - NOV 9, 2013** Ling and the Orchestra embark on a "**China Friendship Tour**," giving concerts in Yantai, Shanghai and Beijing, with alternating violin soloists **Augustin Hadelich** and **Joshua Bell**.
- JAN 2014** Violinist **Itzhak Perlman** performs the Beethoven Violin Concerto with the San Diego Symphony under Jahja Ling's direction.
- NOV 2014** Ling conducts **Mahler's Symphony No. 7**, giving the very first performance of the work by the San Diego Symphony.
- JAN 2016** Ling performs and conducts Mozart's Concerto for Three Pianos with **Jessie Chang** and **Conrad Tao** as part of the Symphony's widely acclaimed **Upright & Grand Piano Festival**.
- NOV 2016** Jahja Ling receives an **UPLIFTing Award** from UPLIFT San Diego for acts of faith, love and goodwill in the community.
- JAN 2017** Ling receives a **Classical Music Icon Award** from Bravo San Diego and San Diego County supervisors in recognition of his services to music and the arts in San Diego County.
- MAY 26, 27 & 28** Jahja Ling concludes his Music Directorship with a finale concert featuring pianist **Yefim Bronfman** (performing Brahms' Second Piano Concerto) and closing with Sibelius' Symphony No. 2.