



Our Mission

Starlight Bowl, an open-air amphitheater closed its doors in 2012. Since then, this valuable historical venue in the heart of San Diego's Balboa Park has been deteriorating at a fast-paced rate. San Diego currently lacks performance spaces that provide programming, access, and training to the community, with significant participatory opportunities for students from the local school districts [Learn more about us](#)

A New Generation of Performances



Mariachi Juvenil Azteca Performing live at Save Starlight's Reverse Gardening Party

Starlight's location will provide the opportunity for our organization to serve families and individual's surrounding San Diego communities, students represented for the various surrounding college campus, including domestic and international visitors. Our non-profit will actively connect the San Diego community within the performances adding in educational contingencies non-profit support and ongoing cultural and civic benefit.

Mariachi Juvenil Azteca began in 2001 as a mariachi class program offered by the Sweetwater Union High School District at Montgomery High School. Current members of the group have graduated and are pursuing higher education at local colleges. Mariachi Juvenil Azteca has been invited to perform in all parts of the nation including New York, Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, and parts of Mexico [Watch them perform](#)

Our Educational Mandate



Sofia Ramos and Hilltop High School Video Production Students

As part of our educational mandate, we will engage teams of students in productions, showing students the ropes--from audio to techniques, from front to back of house, servicing students from all backgrounds across San Diego in real-time education experiences.

Sofia Ramos is a video production teacher for Hilltop High School in Chula Vista. She was recently appointed cultural arts commissioner for the city of Chula Vista. [Learn more about Hilltop High School Student Broadcast](#)

Save Starlight News and Updates

Giving Back to the Community



On March 4th, our Save Starlight Staff, Board members, and volunteers joined forces to spruce up The Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater.

Our own Stephen Stopper and America's Finest Sound donated and installed a couple of JBL speakers to improve the quality of sound for the upcoming puppet performances. Thank you for all those who joined us! [Catch a show at The Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater](#)

Active Community Members

Save Starlight's CEO Stephen Stopper joined representatives of Friends of Balboa Park— including Board member and renown preservation architect David Marshall and Executive Director John Bolthouse for a site visit to the top of the Tower California Tower (San Diego Museum of Man) to inspect the current speakers that amplify the beautiful bell chimes in Balboa Park. Stopper who is an expert in sound design was able to provide guidance and advice to Friends of Balboa Park on their upcoming project; to replace the old, unsightly bullhorn speakers with modern and more appealing alternatives. [Learn more about how you can support this Balboa Park enhancement project](#)



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Reaching Out to Our City and State Representatives

Our Save Starlight Team has been active in reaching out to our City and State representatives.

Early March we were able to pay a visit to our District 3 Council member Chris Ward. He was able to learn first hand about Vision and Mission for Starlight bowl. We look forward to work collaborative in saving the iconic Starlight Bowl. [Learn more about District 3 Councilmember Chris Ward](#)

Our Save Starlight Staff attended California State Assembly member Todd Gloria's District Office Open House on March 9th. Todd Gloria and Speaker of the Assembly, Anthony Rendon discussed state legislative issues that our community. Like always, it is a pleasure to see Todd Gloria! [Learn more about Assemblymember Todd Gloria](#)



Starlight's Legacy Wall



The Starlight Bowl is no longer known as home to the San Diego Civic Light Opera and the musical theater they produced every summer. The Goal of Save Starlight is to re-activate and re-open the amphitheater as a venue for community-based productions under a new vision.

Although, the bowl will have a new generation of diverse performances, we want to keep Starlight's legacy alive and we need your help!

We want to honor those who graced the Starlight stage as actors, singers, musicians, directors, etc. We want to give all those who came before, the opportunity to be remembered and reminisce with one another.

This is where you come in. As a previous (actor, director, performer) of Starlight, we would like to know if this is something you would like to be part of?

[Visit our Starlight's Legacy Wall Page](#)

Give A Gift Today!

Help us to reach Save Starlight's vision by making a gift to our organization today. Your donation helps us keep our nonprofit alive by supporting our campaign fund. Through our online fundraiser your \$25 (shipping included) contribution will get you an amazing [Save Starlight T-shirt](#)



NEW! Save Starlight Bumper Sticker

For a limited time only get a bumper sticker when you make a \$5 contribution to our online fundraiser [Get yours today](#)

Thank You For Your Ongoing Support!