

- Unique Music & Event Venue
- 1929 Registered Historic Landmark
- 600 Seat Capacity, Grass Areas and Children's Play Park
- Promote Local Talent
- Help Educate High School Arts
- Fund Raise for Bandshell Renovation
- Help Ensure Long Term Support of the Bandshell

Introduction to Friends of Recreation Park Bandshell

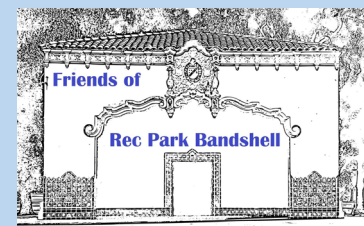


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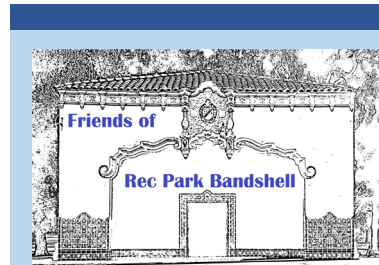
The Bandshell and FORPBS

- Since 1929, the Bandshell at Recreation Park in Long Beach has had a long history of hosting events from theatre to bands to high school graduations.
- In recent years this registered Historic Landmark has been underutilized and fallen into some disrepair.
- In coordination with and support from *Partners of Parks* we have created a new non-profit organization, *Friends of Recreation Park Bandshell (FORPBS)*.
- At FORPBS we have the following goals
 - Bring back the regular use of the historic landmark Bandshell.
 - Focus on local talent and the involvement of our community's youth.
 - Raise funds over time through business and private donations for full renovation of the Bandshell.
 - Create a lasting foundation that will promote the use and maintenance of the Bandshell for years to come.



Unique Features of the Bandshell

- The Bandshell has many unique features that make it a great venue for outdoor music and theatre. Some features include:
 - Large, raised stage, and poles for lighting fixtures.
 - Seating for over 600 plus additional grass areas for open picnic space.
 - Directly next to the new children's playground and nearby public restroom facilities.
 - Located in a large recreational area with good parking.
 - Near Long Beach residential areas, but far enough away to mitigate noise.

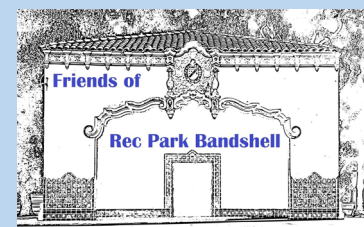


Concerts and Events

- The focus is on Long Beach residents' talent including:
 - Long Beach Community and Municipal bands.
 - Rock, country, jazz and other independent bands.
 - High School bands and theatre groups.
 - Musicals, Shakespeare or other theatre performance.
- Education
 - One of the goals of the FORPBS is education.
 - Founding FORPBS board members include local musicians and sound engineers with decades of industry experience.
 - We work with Wilson and other High Schools to put on events and help educate students in music and stage production.



Facebook July 18, 2017 – Wilson Instrumental Music



FORPBS Year in Review

FORPBS had a busy first year in 2023:

- May 6: [FORPBS Soft Opening Concert](#)
- June 4: [FORPBS Kick-Off Music Festival](#)
- June 21: [International / Long Beach Make Music Day](#)
- Sept 21: [Long Beach Gives Fair & Concert](#)
- Sept 24: [Student Battle of the Bands Contest](#)
- Movies at The Shell
 - Sept 28: [Grease](#), Oct 5: [Mamma Mia](#), Oct 12: [La La Land](#)
- Oct 14: [Jazz at The Shell](#)

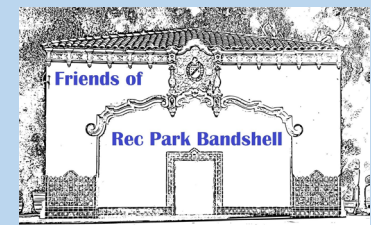
FORPBS is “going dark” for the winter season, but will start a full 2024 event schedule in March 2024.



Stage Side Building



Street Side Building Entrance



Rec Park Bandshell History

The Bandshell at Recreation Park is a Historic Landmark. The plaque on the building reads: "Recreation Park was acquired in 1923 and this speakers stand was dedicated in 1929. The building was used as the location for many important community events such as all-state picnics, drama festivals, band concerts, school graduations, and temporary classrooms after the '33 earthquake. Its beautiful Spanish baroque design contains malibu tile and rich ornament. City of Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission, Declared November 19, 1991."

According to the Long Beach city website: "The Band Shell was repaired to current seismic standards in 1995 with Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Act of 1992 funds."

Also from <http://wikimapia.org/10738260/Recreation-Park-Bandshell>, "The bandshell was the location of numerous public events, reflecting many elements of the cultural, social and political history of Long Beach. It was a location of the all-state picnics, including many of the famous Iowa picnics. School performance and drama festivals took place there. Graduation exercises for Long Beach City College were held there. After the 1933 earthquake, it was used as temporary classroom space. One of Long Beach's parent cooperative nursery schools used this facility from 1952. It was also the site of political gatherings, such as an appearance by Richard Nixon during his early political career. The bandshell was also the site of the Municipal Band's regular concerts. Long Beach's Municipal Band was thought to be the only city that supported year-round band concerts from 1912 through 1940, and was a source of civic pride.

The Spanish Baroque Revival style used here appears rarely in Long Beach. This is the only public building in that style, which was popular in the early 1920's. This style was launched by the eminent architect Bertram Goodhue in buildings designed for the Panama-California Exposition of 1915 in San Diego, and became popular throughout Southern California. The rich plasterwork, the elaborate curvilinear design of the central arch, the broad border of colorful Malibu tile, the stucco walls and red tile roof are all features of this style."

