

## Balboa Theatre's Encore

### NRG San Diego customer shines after restoration

SAN DIEGO'S HISTORIC BALBOA THEATRE opened as a silent movie and vaudeville house in the Roaring '20s. But there was a time when the theater's stage lights went dark.

In the 1980s, the city's Redevelopment Agency acquired the theater as part of the land acquisitions made in anticipation of a new shopping mall, Horton Plaza. Ultimately that parcel of land was not needed, but the theater was closed due to code issues. Subsequent attempts at private development over the years did not succeed, yet efforts to recognize the cultural icon did: It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996.

In 2008, the 1,335-seat performing arts venue was officially revived through a \$26.5 million restoration by the Redevelopment Agency. More than 90 years later, the venue—an NRG Energy Center San Diego customer—is back and bringing Broadway productions,

**The historic Balboa Theatre is a cultural gem that was revived in 2008 with a \$26.5 million restoration.**

dance, musicians, humorists and other acts to the city's vibrant arts scene.

The restoration and renovation provided a complete infrastructure replacement or enhancement to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire and seismic safety systems.



The 47,000-square-foot theater has a seating capacity of 1,335.

Photos: Balboa Theatre

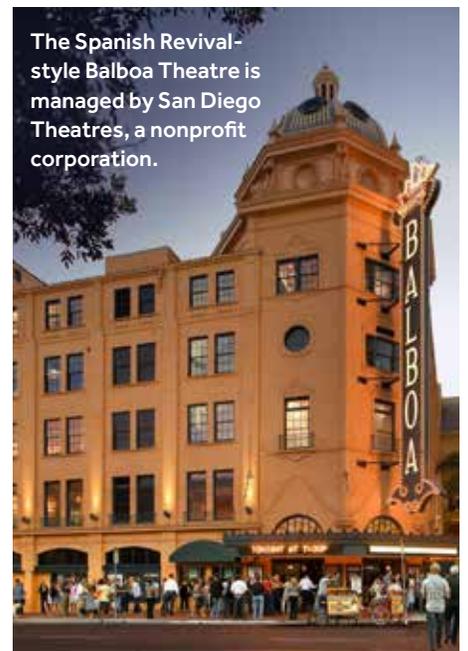
It also involved aesthetic renovation, new seating and installation of state-of-the-art theatrical lighting, audio and other equipment. Upon reopening, the Balboa Theatre received several awards and recognition on local, regional, national and international levels.

As part of its restoration, the landmark theater connected to NRG San Diego's district cooling network.

Don Telford, President and Chief Executive Officer of San Diego Theatres, which manages and operates the Balboa, explains: "Due to space limitation, capital expense and concerns related to potential vibration, it would have been problematic to install in-building chillers. Since the chilled-water loop was already serving nearby Horton Plaza, district cooling was an attractive choice and has been a positive experience."

NRG San Diego applauds the historic Balboa Theatre's "encore" and continues to provide cool comfort to theater patrons.

The Spanish Revival-style Balboa Theatre is managed by San Diego Theatres, a nonprofit corporation.



CHECK IT OUT: Balboa Theatre, 868 4th Ave at E St • [www.sandiegotheatres.org](http://www.sandiegotheatres.org). Buy tickets: 619.570.1100 • Book your special event: 619.615.4000

## Jackson & Blanc: Top performer for NRG San Diego

ANY COMPANY THAT'S BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 81 YEARS must be doing something right. That's the case with Jackson & Blanc, which performs annual maintenance on NRG San Diego's seven chillers.

"Although we handle our own smaller-scale maintenance and repair throughout the year, it's important to have Jackson & Blanc's expertise on our team, too," says NRG San Diego Plant Manager Brian Marshall. "Jackson & Blanc is a family-owned business that specializes in mechanical systems. We know we can depend on them to get the job done right."

Based in San Diego, Jackson & Blanc employs 135 people and serves the commercial,

industrial and institutional markets in San Diego County. Two-thirds of the company's business is related to heavy construction, large sheet metal and piping projects.

The company is no stranger to plant operations, as it services a number of electricity peaking plants for Sempra Energy and San Diego County Electric. Other major clients include the University of San Diego and General Atomics. It also built, maintains and operates downtown San Diego's East Village District Plant.

NRG San Diego thanks Jackson & Blanc for its superb work year after year that helps ensure our chilled-water system's reliability and performance for our customers.

MATT BROWN IS OPERATIONS MANAGER, Heavy Service Division, at Jackson & Blanc. He manages the NRG San Diego account. "We work on a lot of systems over the course of a year, so we see can easily spot well-run organizations," says Brown. "It's clear Brian runs a tight ship at NRG San Diego. It's a great site with an outstanding safety record. It's a pleasure to work with the NRG crew."

# Moses Canonigo: Naval training paves way for success

MOSES CANONIGO IS AN INSTRUMENTATION and Electrical Technician/Plant Operator for NRG San Diego. Here he describes his background and responsibilities.

**Q: What do you do at NRG San Diego?**

**Moses Canonigo:** I've been working closely with Lead Operator David Tamisiea since joining the company in 2009. I help make sure the chilled-water plant runs smoothly, and I'm responsible for maintenance and calibration of various electrical, instrumentation and control equipment.

**Q: Where did you get your training?**

**MC:** I got my training as an electrician through 20 years in the U.S. Navy. In fact, I retired from the Navy in 2008, about a year before I started here. I was stationed mostly on the West Coast, but was also

in Japan for five years. I served most of my time on medium-sized amphibious ships that could carry about 400 Marines in addition to our own crew of about 350. I operated and maintained the ships' electrical plants and was promoted to increased levels of responsibility throughout my career.

**Q: How did you get interested in the Navy?**

**MC:** I grew up in the Philippines, where the U.S. used to have a strong air and naval presence. I joined in the late 1980s when the U.S. was recruiting young Filipinos, which it did until it closed the Philippine bases in the early '90s.

**Q: What does the future hold?**

**MC:** I'm proud to work for NRG San Diego. NRG is a company that's really moving ahead, and I like being a part of



that. I'm also a proud dad who is kept busy by my 11-year-old son's activities, from sports to violin lessons to Science Olympiads. The future looks good!



FROM THE MANAGER

## NRG Driving Visionary EV Charging Network

NRG ENERGY IS AT THE FOREFRONT of how people think about and use energy. Not only does our parent company offer environmentally responsible, efficient district cooling through NRG Energy Center San



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Diego, but it's also a pioneer in developing other cleaner, smarter energy choices.

NRG is leading the way in developing the nation's most comprehensive electric vehicle (EV) fast-charging network, through its eVgo subsidiary. Here in California, NRG is investing approximately \$100 million over the next four years in the eVgo California charging network, consisting of at least 200 publicly available fast-charging stations conveniently located at premier retail locations in the San Francisco Bay area, the San Joaquin Valley, the Los Angeles Basin and San Diego County. These stations can give EV drivers range confidence by providing 50 miles of range in 15 minutes of charging.

As part of the agreement, NRG will also facilitate EV ownership for Californians who live in apartment buildings and other multi-unit housing complexes and for Californians

hoping to commute to work in an electric vehicle through its "make ready" commitment. eVgo will install the wiring ("make readies") for at least 10,000 individual charging stations located at offices, multifamily communities, schools and hospitals. The eVgo network will give EV owners convenient access to unlimited-use remote charging for a low monthly fee—without the need to pay the large upfront costs for a home charger. The project is a public-private partnership between NRG and the California Public Utilities Commission.

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