



# Diego el Cigala U.S. Tour in San Diego



**MUSIC**  
**SAN DIEGO**

Sat, November 19, 2016  
8:00 pm

**Venue**  
Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B St,  
San Diego, CA 92101  
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**Credits**  
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**Flamenco singer Diego el Cigala tours the U.S. to perform selections from a new, emotionally-charged recording.**

The innovative Spanish Gypsy flamenco singer [Diego El Cigala](#) rose to international fame in 2003 after the release of *Lagrimas Negras*, his smashing collaboration with the venerable Cuban pianist Bebo Valdés. It won a Latin Grammy and inspired *The New York Times* critic Ben Ratliff to anoint it best album of the year, hailing it as “one of the great new cross-pollinating documents of Latin music.”

Born in an artistic Romani family in Madrid, El Cigala is a gripping “blood-and-iron” flamenco singer, as Ratliff calls him, with a natural gift for merging his ancestral music with the boleros, tangos and rumbas of other Iberian and Latin American cultures. He won another Latin Grammy in 2005 for *Picasso en Mis Ojos*, which featured the great flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucía and the prized Latin-jazz trumpeter and percussionist Jerry Gonzalez.

This concert will feature several selections from Diego El Cigala’s latest release, *Indestructible*, in which he re-imagines the classic salsa (*salsa dura* or “hard salsa”) sound.