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The historic Starlight Bowl in San Diego's Balboa Park was commissioned by Ford Motor Company in 1936 to seat 4,300. Originally named the Ford Bowl, the outdoor amphitheatre was later renamed the Starlight Bowl in 1984 after a group of operetta fans founded the San Diego Civic Light Opera in 1946 and performed at the bowl under the moniker Starlight Musical Theater until 2011.

Since its completion, the Starlight has hosted such various events including vaudeville, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, the San Francisco Symphony, The Rolling Stones, circuses, high school graduations, etc.

Due to close proximity to Lindbergh Field flight paths over the years, aircraft noise presented increasingly problematic disruptions. To combat these, performers literally "froze" on stage until aircraft noise subsided.

MCH was engaged in a 2013 feasibility study to assess environmental noise concerns and devise a noise mitigation solution that could maintain the "Starlight" moniker.

A solution has not yet been implemented, however, since 2016 a non-profit called *Save Starlight* has been restoring the bowl to become a successful multi-media/multi-cultural space.

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STARLIGHT BOWL
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