

"PING" presented by Department of Music

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A new intermedia work, "PING," based on a text by Samuel Beckett, by composer Roger Reynolds, will be premiered in Southern California at the University of California, San Diego, at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, in the Recital Hall on Matthews Campus.

The performance of PING, a composition for instruments, film, electronics and tape, is the featured work on a concert to be presented by the Department of Music, highlighting Reynolds' visit to the campus as Regents Lecturer in Music. Other works on the program will be: Charles Ives, "From the Steeples and the Mountains;" Christian Wolff, "Nine;" and "Variations for Sextet" by UCSD faculty composer Pauline Oliveros.

The student and faculty cast for PING will also assist Reynolds in performing the new work in Los Angeles at the Monday Evening Concerts series on November 11.

A native of Detroit, Reynolds was educated at the University of Michigan. After completing a degree in Engineering Physics, he began compositional studies with Ross Lee Finney and later worked under Roberto Gerhard at Tanglewood. In Ann Arbor, Reynolds was a co-founder of the ONCE festivals.

Reynolds was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1964 and received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation the following year. A choral work was commissioned by the Fromm Foundation and the Berkshire Music Center for their 1966 Festival of Contemporary American Music. In 1967 Reynolds and his wife, a flutist, began an extended stay in Japan as a fellow of the Institute for Current World Affairs.

Reynolds' works have been premiered by the Seattle Symphony under Milton Katims, the International Society for Contemporary Music, New York, under Ralph Shapey, the Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, New York, and at the Warsaw Autumn Music Festival.

There will be an open rehearsal of PING at 11:00 a.m., November 7, in the Matthews Campus Recital Hall. The public is invited to both the rehearsal and the concert, and there will be no admission charge.