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ILLNESS FORCES PERSONNEL CHANGE FOR GUARNERI STRING QUARTET PERFORMANCE AT UCSD ON NOV. 7: PIANIST STEVEN DE GROOTE TO REPLACE FIRST VIOLINIST ARNOLD STEINHARDT

The Guarneri String Quartet will open the University of California, San Diego's 13th Chamber Music Series at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, without its first violinist, Arnold Steinhardt, who is ill. Replacing Steinhardt for the performance will be Van Cliburn prizewinner, pianist Steven de Groote.

The program will be: Mozart: Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor, K478; Beethoven: Serenade for Violin, Viola, and Cello in D Major, Op. 8; and Schumann: Piano Quartet, in E-Flat Major, Op. 47.

The quartet members are John Dailey and Arnold Steinhardt, violins; Michael Tree, viola and violin; and David Soyer, cello. The Guarneri Quartet has maintained its original membership since the ensemble's founding more than 20 years ago. Guarneri members have invited DeGroote to substitute for Steinhardt for the season's engagements.

DeGroote has continued to make music-world headlines since he won the 1977 Fifth Van Cliburn International Quadrennial Piano Competition. From Johannesburg, South Africa, DeGroote has had orchestral engagements with every major symphony in the United States, and has also performed recitals in every major U.S. concert hall. He has also toured extensively in Europe, the Far East and South America.

Critic Olin Chism of the Dallas Times Herald on March 9 wrote: "De Groote, artist-in-residence at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, is simply one of the best musicians ever to come out of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Of all the winners and near winners, only the Soviet pianist Vladimif Viardo is in his class."

The quartet's season last year consisted of more than 100 recitals including two tours of Europe and a transcontinental tour of the United States and Canada. In New York City, the quartet's home base, their annual series "Guarneri and Friends" continues at Alice Tulley Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the 92nd Street YM-YWHA.

The ensemble toured Australia three times, recently toured Japan and New Zealand, and has been heard at all the major international music festivals. Since 1979, the Guarneri has also performed annually at the June Music Festival in Albuquerque.

Three of the four players are faculty members of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and all members of the quartet are professors of music at the University of Maryland. Their annual residencies at the University

of South Florida began in 1972, and in 1976 that university awarded them with honorary doctorates of music. The quartet was also honored in 1983 with honorary doctorates by the State University of New York (SUNY) Binghamton.

All members of the Guarneri have major solo careers in addition to their work as a quartet, and continue to appear solo or in collaboration with other musicians. Each member has recorded as a soloist on a variety of labels, in addition to their exclusive quartet recordings for RCA Red Seal label.

Violinist Dalley, who made his concert debut at the age of 14, has toured widely throughout Europe and Russia. Prior to joining the quartet, he served on the faculty of the Oberlin Conservatory and was artist-in-residence at the University of Illinois.

Violist Michael Tree is also a highly accomplished violinist. He made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of 20. He has made solo appearances with the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Los Angeles orchestras, and at the Spoleto Festival.

After a solo debut at the age of 17 with the Philadelphia Orchestra, cellist Soyer distinguished himself with the Bach Aria Group, the Marlboro Trio, the Giolet Quartet and the New Music String Quartet.

Chamber series tickets are \$65 for the orchestra and \$55 for main floor. Single tickets, not available until November, are \$17 for orchestra and \$15 for main floor. All programs are subject to change. The UCSD Chamber Series is brought to San Diego by the University Events Office. For information, call 534-4090.

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