

Turetzky and Erickson collaborate on piece

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A musical piece which spent a large part of the time in the air between San Diego and Hartford, Conn., will have its premiere performance at the University of California, San Diego on Monday, January 22.

Bertram Turetzky, an enthusiastic pioneer in music for the solo bass, will play the piece, entitled "Ricercar a 3," written by Robert Erickson, professor of music at UCSD.

The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the UCSD Recital Hall, Building 409, Matthews Campus. At 4:00 p.m. the same day, Turetzky will give an informal lecture-demonstration of contemporary techniques for the contrabass. The lecture will also take place in the Recital Hall.

Erickson and Turetzky collaborated throughout the summer and early fall on the details of the piece "Ricercar a 3," which means search in three parts. In essence the piece is a trio for three contrabasses, played by one performer.

According to Erickson, nearly 25 tapes were flown back and forth between Connecticut and California before the piece was completed in September. Erickson edited the tapes down to two effective parts, which were prerecorded on two separate channels.

These two prerecorded parts, along with Turetzky's live solo, make up the entire piece.

Turetzky, who is a member of the music faculty at the University of Hartford, is responsible for developing much of the modern repertory for the solo bass. "He is responsible for some 50 pieces written for the solo bass alone," Erickson said. In addition to the Erickson piece, six works written-for Turetzky within the last two years, are on the program for the Monday evening concert.

The program includes:

Pezzicati (1967) - Norman Dinerstein November (1967) - Harold Budd Mr. T His Fancy - Barney Childs Electronic Study No. 2 for solo contrabass - Charles Whittenberg (Intermission) Conversations (1967) for solo contrabass - Charles Whittenberg Dialogue for Solo Contrabass (1966) - Elliott Schwartz

The concert and lecture, sponsored by the UCSD Music Department, are free and open to the public.