

## **"The Odyssey" (special news release for Michael Addison to take on trip to Dubrovnik)**

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"The Odyssey" is an adaptation of Homer's epic work by University of California, San Diego Professor of Drama Michael Addison and San Diego playwright Sandy Edelman.

Two premiere performances of the production were presented July 23 and 24, 1982, on the UCSD campus in preparation for its presentation at the Dubrovnik Theatre Festival in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia August 1 through 8, 1982. The production is being presented at the invitation of the festival management and as the only American company participating in the international theatre festival.

According to Addison, the play is an "episodic and irreverent reenactment of Homer's story punctuated by arguments among the central characters about what parts of the story are really important."

The production will employ masks and puppets and will be enhanced by a musical score created by Peter Ward, a UCSD graduate student in music.

The cast and the crew of "The Odyssey" are all associated with UCSD. Addison is directing the production and plays the central role of Odysseus. Arthur Wagner, professor of drama, plays the part of the prophet Tiresias; Steven Pearson, assistant professor of drama, plays Telemachos, the son of Odysseus; Robyn Hunt, visiting lecturer in drama, plays Phellnophy, the wife of Odysseus, and Eva Weilgat, a graduate student in drama, plays Athena.

Rob Bundy, a graduate student in drama, is assistant director and Roger Costello, an undergraduate, is the production's designer in charge of costumes, props and masks.

"The Odyssey" is scheduled for several performances at the Dubrovnik Festival and will be performed in English. The UCSD performers were invited to Dubrovnik by Georgie Paro, director of the festival, who served as a guest director at UCSD last-year. He directed "There are Crimes and Crimes" by August Strindberg while on the campus during the spring 1981 quarter.

In the summer of 1980, Addison led a student company of 16 people in a production of "Medea" at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. He has received a travel grant from the University of California for the trip to Dubrovnik.

The University of California, San Diego, one of the nine campuses in the University of California system, is located on some 1,200 acres of beautiful coastal woodland near the northern limits of the city of San Diego. The world renowned Scripps Institution of Oceanography, part of the University of California since 1912, is located at UCSD and extends the campus to the water's edge - and beyond.

The academic program at UCSD reflects a broad spectrum of learning with graduate and undergraduate programs offered in a wide range of disciplines leading to the bachelor's, master's, M.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

UCSD is modeled after the Oxford University concept with four interrelated undergraduate colleges each offering a full range of academic courses. Enrollment is about 12,000 students including both undergraduates and those in the graduate division, the School of Medicine and Scripps.

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