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The Swiss mime trio, Mummenschanz, will perform their visual and kinetic humor at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Tickets for this event are \$18/20 for general admission and \$13/15 for students, and may be purchased at the UCSD Price Center Box Office and from TicketMaster outlets.

Mummenschanz mimes arrange themselves into shapes and costumes that defy audience analysis. With their heads disguised as suitcases, blank clocks, electric sockets and plugs, vacuum cleaner hoses, or just blobs of clay to be shaped at will, it is difficult to detect how many group members it requires to make up a given Mummenschanz character.

The trio appeared in a recent episode of the television series, "Northern Exposure," one was a giant hand, a second was a huge, sinewy tube, and a third was dressed in black and white with rolls of toilet paper for facial features.

Other creatures are portrayed, from huge geometric shapes to king-sized pillows, to rolls of carpet. The Mummenschanz technique relies on using the body in unconventional movements and positions, and the faces of the performers are not seen.

Mummenschanz has performed to rave reviews worldwide. The troupe was created in 1972 with Andres Bossard, Bernie Schurch and Floriana Frassetto. It is performed now with Eric Beatty, Tina Kronis and Michael Rock. Production is by Dino De Maio; Larry Kapust is general manager; stage dresser and assistant are Walter Flohr and Lee Dassler.

This event is brought to San Diego by the UCSD University Events Office. For information call 534-4090.

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