

Mandeville Open House on March 9

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The University of California, San Diego will put its unique new Mandeville Center for the Arts on display for the community Sunday, March 9, during a public open house in the facility.

The open house, scheduled from noon to 5:00 p.m., is part of an 11-day festival beginning March 6 that will bring to the Center outstanding musicians, artists and lecturers as well as drama productions and film and art exhibitions. The festival was designed to allow the public to take part in a kaleidoscope of events ranging from early works of art and music to the most avant-garde realism and electronic performances.

A number of special shows and programs have been set for the public during the Sunday open house. A display of super realistic art will be in the Art Gallery and a display of scene and costume design, put together by the Department of Drama, will be in the East Room. Musicians will be "tuning" the building during the day. Visitors will get a look inside a laser beam art restoration laboratory. An architects' panel on "New Directions in Architecture" featuring some of the top architects and communicators in Southern California is set for 2:00 p.m. in room B-210 of the Center.

An environmental music event, "Museums," will open at noon on Sunday in the Recital Hall. The event includes video works, films, electronic music, light compositions and biofeedback equipment. Visitors will be invited to compose their own music by using their brainwaves together with the biofeedback equipment.

Of special interest will be the 851-seat auditorium/lecture hall located at the east end of the Center. It is designed to accommodate the latest in electronic music as well as the more traditional symphonies and operas. Its unique stage is able to accommodate performances of ballets, chamber operas, and Mendelssohn-sized oratorios on 3,650 square feet of performing space. The adjacent pit provides another 2,585 square feet of space that is easily converted through the use of risers from seating to orchestra space or even additional stage space.

Student guides will be stationed throughout the building during the day to assist visitors in finding their way and to explain the work going on in the various studios and workshops. Refreshments will be served in two locations in the building.

Ground was broken for the 109,189 square foot building on January 9, 1973, on a site that was once the intersection of U.S. Highway 101 and Miramar Road. The Center now stands at the hub of the UCSD campus between the gymnasium and the student center and near the Central University Library.

The Mandeville Center is easily reached from all sections of San Diego County. From the South take Interstate 5 to the La Jolla Village Drive exit and follow that to North Torrey Pines Road. From the north, exit Interstate 5 at Genesee Avenue and follow that to North Torrey Pines Road. Free parking will be provided in the parking lots north of Muir College adjacent to North Torrey Pines Road. Directional signs will be provided to aid visitors on their way.

For further information, call the UCSD Public Information Office at 452-3120.

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