

Composer Ernst Krenek named Regents' Lecturer

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Composer Ernst Krenek, an Honorary Fellow of John Muir College at the University of California, San Diego, has been appointed as a Regents' Lecturer for the Winter Quarter and is scheduled to give four weekly seminars on the campus during his residence.

The series, titled, "A Composer Viewing This Century's Music," will be held at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings, beginning January 21, in Rooms 1101-1102, John Muir College Dormitory 2E-3. They are free and open to the public.

The dates and titles for his four lectures are: January 21, "Historically Oriented: to be or...," January 28, "Politically Engaged: to be or...," February 4, "Sociological and Economic Aspects," and February 11, "Serialism, or: Where Do We Stand Now?"

Krenek, a composer, author and teacher, is making his third visit to UCSD since the fall of 1967 when, as an Honorary Fellow, he participated in the inaugural convocation opening John Muir College. He is a composer of broad universality with an interest in almost every medium. His writings include some sixteen operas, five symphonies, seven string quartets, choral works, works for solo voice, piano pieces, chamber works for diverse combinations of instruments, and isolated pieces for organ, accordion and magnetic tape.

This last medium is one which Krenek has creatively helped to investigate. His "Exercises of a Late Hour," for large instrumental ensemble and tape, was commissioned for Muir College by an anonymous donor and premiered at UCSD by the Department of Music two years ago.

Krenek will also be one of the special guests at the Muir College Dedicatory Concert on the new Muir College campus Friday, January 30. UCSD Department of Music and guest musicians will perform Krenek's "An Instant Remembered," in the Muir Commons at 8:45 p.m.