

Entertainers on tap for Oct. 7 UCSD Disability Awareness Day

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A celebrity comedian, a popular songstress, a harpist and a vocalist/guitarist top entertainment planned for Disability Awareness Day to be held Oct. 7 at the University of California, San Diego.

Aimed at increasing awareness of the capabilities of persons with disabilities, the performances will be presented from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Price Center Plaza. Also on the day's program is a showing of the movie "Shine" at 5 and 8 p.m. in the Price Center Theatre and a lecture at 7 p.m. by Miriam Isosupovici, M.S.W., a UCSD Psychological and Counseling Services therapist, on the powerful psycho-social aspects of "Shine."

The entertainers, each devoted to promoting independence for people with disabilities, include:

Veteran stand-up comic Fred Burns, a paraplegic and general manager of the Comedy Store in La Jolla, who will serve as master of ceremonies. Burns has performed throughout the West Coast and currently is appearing five nights a week at the La Jolla Comedy Store.

Singer/songwriter Patti Hutchings made her concert debut recently during Women's Opportunity Week and as a result of that appearance was recruited to entertain on the "Incredible Women of America" show.

Harpist Amy Lynn Kanner, a student of classical piano and music theory from the age of seven, plays the Paraguayan harp on her debut album, "Garden of Delights."

Rounding out the program will be vocalist/guitarist Mark Goffeney, who began playing guitar and writing songs at the age of 12 and soon after picked up the bass guitar and the harmonica.

Prize drawings will be held throughout the day, according to Barry Niman, chair of the Disability Awareness Day planning committee.

Sponsors of the event are the UCSD Employee Rehabilitation Office, Community Advocates for Disability Rights and Education (CADRE), the UCSD Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, the Office for Students with Disabilities and the Disabled Student Union.

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