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MILES DAVIS TO PERFORM IN BENEFIT CONCERT AT UCSD ON FEB. 24

Renowned jazz artist Miles Davis will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego. The concert will be opened by the UCSD Jazz Ensemble, directed by Jimmy Cheatham, professional jazz artist and UCSD faculty member. Larry Himmel, a San Diego television and radio commentator, will be the guest emcee for the evening.

Proceeds of the "Miles Davis Benefit Concert" will go to supporting the Contemporary Black Arts Program of UCSD, which awards scholarships to deserving undergraduate students. A special Concert Patron Program will be offered at \$100 a ticket, to benefit the Contemporary Black Arts scholarships.

The program will include priority seating, optional program credit and a private post-concert reception (Davis will not be attending the reception). Priority seating is limited to 100 seats. Tickets for the Concert Patron Program are available from the Contemporary Black Arts Office, 534-0670.

Davis has been an important jazz presence since 1950, and is regarded as a leading trumpet player in the jazz field. Davis' music is acclaimed for its innovative style and has had a powerful impact on today's contemporary music. Throughout his musical career, Davis has created innovative and indelible jazz music, and has won several Grammy awards. At the 1990 Emmy Award ceremony on Feb. 21, in Los Angeles, Davis will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Davis' musical career started in 1944 when he moved to New York from East St. Louis. He enrolled in the Juilliard School of Music, where he began playing with roommate Charlie Parker in the New York City night club scene. Other important jazz names who have had strong influences on Davis include Dizzy Gillespie, Gil Evans, Thelonius Monk and Milt Jackson.

Cheatham directs the Jazz Program in the UCSD Department of Music. Last year the UCSD Jazz Ensemble was the recipient of the 1989 National Association of Jazz Educators Award.

Tickets for the event are \$35 for general admission, \$20 for UCSD students, and may be purchased at the UCSD Box Office, (534-4559) or from TicketMaster outlets. Parking permits are required and may be purchased at the UCSD Information Pavilion at the Gilman Drive entrance.

For additional information call the Contemporary Black Arts Office at 534-0670.

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