

## Colorado Quartet to perform February 2 at UCSD

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The Colorado Quartet, praised on four continents as one of the finest quartets of our time, will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 2 in Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

As newcomers in 1983, the young quartet achieved the chamber music version of a championship sweep, winning—in a brief 10-day period—the Naumburg Chamber Music Award and first prize at the Banff International String Quartet Competition. Over the years, the Colorado Quartet has been hailed for its "musical integrity, impassioned playing, and dynamic finesse."

Members include Julie Rosenfeld, violin; Deborah Redding, violin; Francesca Martin Silos, viola, and Diane Chaplin, cello. For the UCSD concert, they will perform Haydn: Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 33, No. 2; Hindemith: Quartet No. 4, Op. 22, and Mozart: Quartet in C-sharp minor, Op. 131.

A versatile group, the quartet is at home performing both classic literature and newer works, and has premiered compositions by such leading composers as Ezra Laderman, Karel Husa, George Tsontakis, and Jan Krzywicki. They have been featured on radio and television, including numerous American broadcasts, English BBC and Canadian CBC radio broadcasts, along with television programs in the Netherlands, Norway, Puerto Rico, and Mexico.

Recently, the quartet recorded two CD's: an album of contemporary compositions on Albany Records, and works by Schubert and Mendelssohn on Epiphany Records.

Highlights of past seasons include concerts at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, and select cities in this country, and festivals in Denmark, Norway, Czechoslovakia, and Puerto Rico. According to a Los Angeles Times review: "Few contemporary quartets can play this softly, but this ensemble never over-uses its advantage: Its pianissimo, like its fortissimo, is one of many expressive tools; its communicative quietude never approaches inaudibility, just as its loudest passages never become strident."

This season the Colorado Quartet is performing in the Netherlands, Italy, and throughout the United States, including a concert of the complete quartets of Bela Bartok in Philadelphia. The group currently resides in the New York City area and members are artists-in-residence at Amherst College in Massachusetts. The members are also founders and directors of the Soundfest Chamber Music Festival in Massachusetts.

Tickets for the Feb. 2 concert are \$18 for general admission, and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets, at the Box Office at the Price Center on the UCSD campus, at the Mandeville Box Office on the evening of the event, or by calling 534-8497.

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