

## **The Borodin String Quartet of Russia to perform**

**January 31, 1969**

The Borodin String Quartet of Russia will be presented by the Committee for Arts and Lectures, University of California, San Diego, at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, in Sherwood Hall, 700 Prospect St., La Jolla.

The Borodin Quartet, founded in 1945 at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory, was originally called the Moscow Philharmonic Quartet. The name Borodin was bestowed upon the group by the Russian Government in 1955, honoring them with the name of Alexander Borodin, who is considered the father of Russian quartet music.

Their first rehearsal was in 1945, and since then the quartet has played more than 1,500 concerts in Russia and Eastern and Western Europe to extravagant praise of critics, who have called them "a miracle of utmost perfection" and "a most wonderful combination of musicians."

Critics also speak of "the clean profound playing filled with emotion" of the first violinist, Rostislav Dubinsky; of the "velvety, expressive tone of the group's second violinist," Yaroslav Alesandroff; of the "deeply exciting sounds similar to a rich human voice" which Dimitri Shebalin draws from his viola; and of the "noble warmth, colorful modesty and style" of the cellist, Valentin Berlinsky.

The Borodin Quartet's program will include: Quartet No. 2 in A Major by Shostakovich, Five Pieces for String Quartet, Opus 5 by Webern and Quartet in A minor, Opus 51, No. 2 by Brahms.

Reserved seating is \$3.00 for the general public and \$1.00 for UCSD students.