

San Francisco Mime Troupe to perform here

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The award-winning San Francisco Mime Troupe will perform their original musical play "False Promises/Nos Enganaron" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

In the 16 years that the San Francisco Mime Troupe has been together, it has established itself as one of the country's outstanding street theaters. A mime troupe that talks and doesn't wear white face, its performances draw upon melodrama and comedy, with music, song and dance. Its topics are such social issues as race, the economy, the cities and the future.

"False Promises/Nos Enganaron," set in a Western mining town at the time of the Spanish American War, deals with the attempts of Mexican and white miners to overcome racial division to win the eight-hour day. It is the Mime Troupe's first full-length original production since its award winning "The Dragon Lady's Revenge."

Since its formation the San Francisco Mime Troupe has been supported entirely by its audiences, without government or foundation subsidy. The company performs free in the parks of the San Francisco Bay Area every summer, passing the hat after shows, and tours the country in the winter months.

The Mime Troupe was the winner of the 1972-73 Obie Award for "Outstanding Achievement in the Off-Broadway Theater." The Milwaukee Journal has described the troupe as "disciplined and mischievous, strong of voice and intense in characterizations, with the talent to flow from acting to singing to juggling to instrumentation."

General admission for the San Francisco Mime Troupe's production of "False Promises/Nos Enganaron," presented by the UC San Diego Campus Program Board, is \$3.50. Students will be admitted for \$2. Tickets may be purchased at the UCSD box office, 452-4559.

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