

Juilliard String Quartet to perform here (chamber music)

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The Juilliard String Quartet, called "the first family of chamber music," will perform at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in the Mandeville Auditorium of the University of California, San Diego.

The Quartet is an ensemble of four uniquely matched virtuoso musicians: Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss (violin), Samuel Rhodes (viola) and Joel Krosnick (cello). Its repertoire comprises 580 full length works, ranging from classics by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven to modern compositions by Bartok, Webern and Schoenberg. The Quartet has championed the music of American composers, having premiered more than 35 works by Copland, Carter and Sessions among others. It has made over 80 major recordings.

In addition to serving as Quartet-in-Residence at the Juilliard School of Music and the Library of Congress in Washington, the Juilliard String Quartet has played more 3,000 sold-out concerts throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In 1961 it was the first American string quartet to visit the Soviet Union, to which it returned for another tour in 1965.

Praise for the Quartet from critics throughout the world has been lavish. The Montreal Gazette wrote: "This quartet represents the American school of chamber music at its best." The Soviet Union's Tass News Agency praised its "magnificent harmony and purity of sound and deep penetration into the conceptions of the composers." "Better quartet playing cannot be found today," said the New York Times recently.

The Quartet's concert selections for their UC San Diego performance will include Mozart's "Quartet in D-Minor, K.421," Davidovsky's "Quartet No. 3, 1976" and Ravel's "F-Major Quartet."

Tickets for the Juilliard String Quartet performance will go on sale Feb. 21 at \$6.50 for general audiences and \$2 for UCSD students. For ticket information, call the UCSD box office, 452-4559.

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