

## Civic Orchestra rehearsals begin

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The La Jolla University-Civic Orchestra and the Civic Chorus have begun rehearsals for the fall-winter season.

Thomas Nee, formerly director of the Minneapolis Civic Orchestra and the Center Opera Theater of Minneapolis, has assumed the music directorship of the orchestra and will be its principal conductor. Nee is also an associate professor of music at the University of California, San Diego.

Mrs. Harry Smith will be the director of the La Jolla Civic Chorus and Dr. John Silber, who is also on the music faculty at UCSD, will be the associate music director for the orchestra.

Nee said about 60 persons, both from the community and the University, attended the first rehearsal of each group. The orchestra is planning its first program in November and the chorus plans a public program with the orchestra in December when they will perform Berlioz' "The Childhood of Christ."

Openings are still available in each group, and interested parties can call the La Jolla Civic Orchestra Office (454-0068) for further information.

Rehearsals are held for the chorus on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities-Library Auditorium at UCSD; orchestra rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in Building 409E, Matthews Campus. Course credit for each is available through University Extension if desired.

The combined efforts of the Civic Association and the University will allow the chorus and orchestra to perform some large-scale works and provide disciplined ensemble training and experience for resident and student musicians.