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An all-Chopin piano recital will be presented by University of California, San Diego musician Cecil Lytle at 3 p.m. Jan. 18, 1998 in the Cecil and Ida Green Faculty Club on the UCSD campus. Proceeds from the event will go to the Rebecca E. Lytle Memorial Scholarship Fund at UCSD.

An award-winning artist hailed by critics as a "versatile virtuoso," Lytle has been appearing in concert and recording in the United States, Europe, and Asia since 1968.

The Jan. 18 program will showcase the complete set of Chopin's genre works ranging, Lytle says, "from the youthful exuberance of the early G Minor Ballade and the B Minor Scherzi to the haunting, lyric charm of the last Scherzo, Ballade, and Fantasia Impromptu."

The first half of the concert will include the Ballades and the Impromptus. The Ballades to be performed are No. 1 in G Minor, Opus 23; No. 2 in F Major, Opus 38; No. 3 in Ab Major, Opus 47, and No. 4 in F. Minor, Opus 52. The Impromptus are No. 1 in Ab Major, Opus 29; No. 2 in F# Major, Opus 36; No. 3 in Gb Major, Opus 51, and No. 4 in C# Minor, Opus 66 (Fantasia Impromptu).

For the concluding half of the program, Lytle will play the complete Scherzi: No. 1 in B Minor, Opus 20; No. 2 in Bb Minor, Opus 31; No. 3 in C# Minor, Opus 39, and No. 4 in E Major, Opus 54.

Music professor and pianist Lytle, an expert in the performance of late 19th and early 20th century music, is also provost of UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College, which is presenting the Rebecca E. Lytle Memorial Concert in conjunction with the UCSD Faculty Club. He has taught courses in classical music and black music history.

In addition to his teaching and concert career, Lytle is a recording artist on several labels, has performed on television and radio, done live jazz, originated the Bosendorfer concert series in San Diego, is Senior Fulbright-Hays Scholar to the United Kingdom, and has performed at such diverse venues as the Darmstadt New Music Festival in West Germany and the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China. He was nominated for an Emmy award in 1996 for his performance/lecture series, *The Nature of Genius*, on public television.

The Rebecca E. Lytle Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 with an initial contribution of \$50,000 from her family and friends. Rebecca Lytle, who was married to Cecil Lytle and had led a life dedicated to public service, died in the spring of 1995 following a debilitating illness.

The interest from the memorial scholarship endowment fund goes to support and encourage a select group of first-year students enrolled in Thurgood Marshall College at UCSD who are the first in their family to attend college.

Tickets for Lytle's Jan. 18 all-Chopin concert are \$25. For information call the UCSD Faculty Club at 534-0876.

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