

## **The Bartok Quartet to perform**

**February 25, 1982**

The Bartok Quartet, one of the most renowned chamber music groups on the international scene, will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Formed in Hungary in 1957, the Bartok Quartet rose to international fame when it was the prize winner at the International Haydn Competition in Budapest in 1959 and at the International Schumann Competition in Berlin the following year. In 1963, the group captured first place in the Budapest competition, and this was followed by receiving first prize at the prestigious International String Quartet Competition in Liege, Belgium. The Kossuth Prize, Hungary's highest award, was conferred upon the group in 1970.

The Bartok Quartet is comprised of four of the finest virtuoso performers of Hungary: Peter Komlos, first violin; Sandor Devich, violin; Geza Nemeth, viola, and Laszlo Mezo, cello.

All of the group's members are graduates of the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest, where they began at an early age to play chamber music together under the tutelage of the renowned teacher and composer Leo Weiner. Inspired and encouraged by Weiner, they formed a professional ensemble, calling themselves the Komlos Quartet, later to be renamed the Bartok Quartet in honor of their great countryman, composer Bela Bartok. The musicians perform upon four of the finest masterpiece instruments of the 18th century, their combined sound producing an effect of indescribable beauty.

The UC San Diego program will include Mozart's "Quartet, K. 458," "Quartet No. 3" by Bartok, and Beethoven's "Quartet No. 1, Opus 59."

The performance is sponsored by the University Events Office. General admission ticket prices are \$10 for orchestra and \$9 for main floor. For ticket information phone the UCSD University Events Ticket Office at 452-4559.

For more information contact: Henry J. DeVries, 452-3120

(February 25, 1982)