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Two zany guys, who under the name "Foolsfire Company," won rave reviews and a special Obie Award in 1983, are at it again. This time they are high-flying under the name, "The Alchemedians" and will appear at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium, at the University of California, San Diego.

The name, "Alchemedians," only slightly explains the magic these scientists/artists perform. They create brilliant visuals with a multitude of objects ranging from crystal balls and fire to giant silver bowls and large inflatable airplanes.

Bob Berky and Michael Moschen have performed across the United States and in Europe. They have delighted audiences at the Dance Theatre Workshop, Pepsico Summerfare '82, SUNY/Purchase, the Milwaukee Performing Arts Centre, the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., across Australia, and in many other places.

Performing a new kind of vaudeville, they are clowns, dancers, jugglers and mimes. They twirl fire and do things with crystal balls that would make a troupe of Chinese jugglers wince. Using props such as kazoos, whistles, bells and plumber's helpers, "The Alchemedians" are real crowd-pleasers.

Berky has performed solo concerts at universities, theaters and major music and theater festivals throughout the country, Europe and the near and far east. He was a member of the Celebration Mime Theatre for three years, and received a National Endowment for the Arts Choreographer's Fellowship in 1980 and 1984.

Moschen has performed with the Big Apple Circus, with Bill Irwin in "Not Quite/New York," with Lotte Goslar's Pantomime Circus and in the Louis Falco Dance Company's fire prelude to "Tiger Rag."

Tickets are: general admission, \$9, students, \$6, and may be purchased at the UCSD Box Office and from TicketMaster.

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