

San Diego Folk Festival held at UCSD as part of the UCSD Open House. (Six copies sent to Kitty Morris only)

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Members of the UCSD community are tuning Up their banjos, guitars and singing voices in preparation for one of the most important events in the world of folk music: the 17th annual San Diego Folk Festival.

This year, for the first time in its history, the festival is coming to the UCSD campus for four evening concerts, a day of workshops, and an all-day outdoor concert, al 1 happening Wednesday, April 27 through Sunday, May 1, the day of UCSD's Open House.

UCSD staff, students and faculty have participated in the festival in past years, and many will get involved again this spring. Sam Hinton, San Diego's resident folklorist, is the former curator of the Scripps Aquarium and former director of the Office of Relations with Schools. Hinton is the honorary chairman of the festival, and will perform at this year's festival on various folk and wind instruments.

Sandra Dutky, senior word processing specialist at the School of Medicine, and Miriam Wright, research associate in the chemistry department, organized last year's ballad workshop and performed with the San Diego Shape Note Singers. Russell Van Dyke, associate physician in pediatrics at the School of Medicine, and Peter Farrell, professor of music, are helping to coordinate festival arrangements.

William Bruce Reid, a pre-AMES major at Muir, performed in 1982 with the Siamsa Gael Ceili Band, and will appear this year with the New Deal String Band. Joseph Tauland, research associate in chemistry, produced the last folk dancing workshop.

John M. Wright, senior development engineer in chemistry, is also involved in the organization of the San Diego Folk Festival. In addition, last year he took part in the banjo workshop and performed with a four-piece string band called the Somewhat Sawyers.

The San Diego Folk Festival at UCSD will also feature country singers Wade and Julia Mainer, British folklorist Redmond O'Connell, cowgirl recording artist Patsy Montana, Del Rey and the Blues Gators, Riverboat Roy Clayton, banjo player Stu Jamieson, singer Dave Baumgarten and members of the San Dieo Storytellers.

The evening concerts and workshops will be held in Mandeville Center, and the all-day concert on Open House day, May 1, will take place on the Warren College green.

If you are interested in assisting in the planning or production of the San Diego Folk Festival, or in providing housing for some of its out-of-town performers, phone the San Diego Friends of Old Time Music at (619) 282-7833.

This event is co-sponsored by the San Diego Friends of Old Time Music, Warren College and the Department of Music.

Admission will be charged to the four evening concerts, but the Saturday workshops and the Sunday outdoor concert will be free. Tickets will be available at the UCSD Central Box Office.

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