

## **Don McLean to perform**

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Singer-songwriter Don McLean will perform in concert in the Main Gymnasium of the University of California, San Diego at 8:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19.

McLean first rose to national prominence by way of his hit song, "American Pie," a chronicle of popular music from the 1950s to the 1970s. Strongly influenced in his early years by such folk performers as Pete Seeger, McLean continues to write songs that retain the simplicity of sound and the social concerns of the folk traditions.

The musical themes are many and varied, ranging from the struggles of the artist ("Vincent") to the life of the hobo ("Homeless Brother"), to romance and the pleasures of country life ("Castles in the Air.") He has recorded with a variety of artists including Seeger, jazz flutist Yusef Lateef and rock musician David Spinozza.

McLean, a native of New Rochelle, New York, began performing in small clubs in 1964. He recorded his first album, Tapestry, in 1969-70. His latest release is Solo, a two-record album of his most popular songs.

Critic Bob Sarlin has said of McLean's appeal as a performer: "He has a way of establishing a rapport with his audience that is unmatched -- McLean has a way of involving his audience in the experience of the evening. With his wit and intelligence, he makes them sit up and listen."

General admission for the McLean concert, presented by the UC San Diego Campus Program Board, is \$4.50. UC San Diego students will be admitted for \$3.50. Tickets may be purchased at the UCSD box office, 452-4559.

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