

Internationally acclaimed Carmina Quartet to perform at UCSD on March 25

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The Carmina Quartet, whose members are Matthias Enderle, violin; Susanne Frank, violin; Wendy Champney, viola; and Stephan Goerner, violoncello, will perform at 8 p.m., March 25, in the Mandeville Auditorium, at the University of California, San Diego.

The program will be Haydn: Quartet in D Major, Opus 76, No. 5; Bloch: Quartet No. 3 (1952); and Schubert: Quartet in G Major, D. 887.

General admission tickets to the event are \$18 and may be purchased at the UCSD Price Center Box Office or from TicketMaster outlets.

The Carmina Quartet, a Zurich-based ensemble formed in 1984, broke into the international scene after only three years with its performance in the Paolo Borciani String Quartet Competition in Reggio Emilia, Italy. The group was described by the jury as, "A first-rate quartet with sensitivity, refinement, virtuosity and phenomenal ensemble."

Now, after the ensemble's first tour performing in more than 50 concerts in the major centers of Europe, Israel and Japan, it makes regular appearances in London, Paris, and Zurich, and at major festivals such as Bath, Hohenems, Graz, Salzburg, Montreaux, Lucerne and Schleswig-Holstein.

The quartet has four recordings under the Denon label, a Japanese company. The ensemble's debut recording, released in 1992, with works by Mendelssohn, Szymanowski and Webern, received the 1992 Best Chamber Music recording award from the British magazine Gramophone; a Choc Award from the French Monde de la Music magazine; and a Grammy Award nomination.

Dallas Morning News music critic John Ardoin wrote, "The quartet is again a group to admire--and lavishly, for its superior ensemble, intonation, and blend of sound. The Carmina's eloquent retracing of unrest, and the music's soulful outcries, will surely linger long after other concerts this season have been forgotten."

This event is brought to San Diego by the UCSD University Events Office. For more information call 534-4090.

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