

Emerson String Quartet to play at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium November 10

October 18, 1990

Contact: Ruth Baily, University Events Office, 534-4090 or Alixandra Williams, University Communications, 534-3120

THE EMERSON STRING QUARTET TO PLAY AT UCSD ON NOVEMBER 10

The Emerson String Quartet will perform at the University of California, San Diego at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Mandeville Auditorium.

The program will be, Schostakovich: Quartet Number 10; Bartok: Quartet No. 1, Op. 7, and Beethoven: Quartet in E minor, Op. 59.

The quartet's members are: Eugene Drucker, violin, Philip Setzer, violin (first in Bartok and Beethoven), Lawrence Dutton, viola, and David Finckel, cello.

The Emerson String Quartet this year was the first chamber ensemble to win two of the recording industry's highest honors: the Grammy Award for Best Classical Album and Gramophone Magazine's Record of the Year award. The award-winning recording is Bartok's Six Quartets, recorded by Deutsche Grammophon.

Now in its fourteenth season, the quartet appears in virtually every important series and festival in the world, performing more than 100 concerts each season in Europe, the United States and Asia. In 1991 the quartet will make its third tour to Japan and its second tour to Australia. In 1988, the quartet added Carnegie Hall to its list of performing venues.

In 1991, it will return to Carnegie as part of the hall's Centennial Season, presenting an all-Russian program.

Based in New York City, the Emerson Quartet took its name from the American philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. The ensemble holds a teaching and performance residency at the Hartt School of Music, where it has inaugurated a special training program for young quartets. All four members are active in Performing Artists for Nuclear Disarmament and have presented benefit concerts for the cause of global peace and the fight against world hunger.

The members of the quartet perform on fine old instruments. Drucker's violin is a Stradivarius, built in 1686; Setzer's violin is a Seraphin, constructed in Venice in 1734; Dutton's viola is a Mantegazza, built in Milan in 1796, and Finckel's cello was constructed in Milan in 1754 by J.B. Guadagnini.

The Emerson String Quartet is the second of five quartets to appear in the 1990-91 UCSD Chamber Music Series. The series will continue through April, featuring the Smithson, Lindsay and Takacs quartets.

Single tickets for the Emerson Quartet are \$18 for general and \$9 for students. Series tickets are available from the University Events Office, 534-4090.

(October 18, 1990)