

Smithson String Quartet to perform at UCSD February 23

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UCSD TO PRESENT THE SMITHSON STRING QUARTET, FEB. 23

The Smithson String Quartet, a group that believes in performing its music on period instruments, will appear at the University of California, San Diego at 8 p.m., Feb. 23, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium.

Prior to the concert, at 7:30 p.m., in the Mandeville Auditorium, the ensemble's violist, Judson Griffin, will give a brief lecture on the significance of performing on period instruments.

The program the quartet has chosen to play is: Haydn: Quartet in G Major, Op. 14, No. 5; Mozart: Quartet in C Major, K 465, "Dissonance", and Beethoven: Quartet in C minor, Op. 18, No. 4.

Following the performance, the UCSD Chamber Music Advisory Committee is sponsoring a dessert reception at the UCSD Faculty Club. Admission is \$5. The public is invited to attend, however seating is limited.

Members of the quartet are Griffin, Jaap Schroeder (violin), Marilyn McDonald (violin) and Kenneth Slowik (cello). Since 1983, this group has regularly performed nationally and internationally, and is the quartet-in-residence at the Smithsonian Institution. Many of the group's museum concerts have been heard throughout the country on the National Public Broadcasting System.

The ensemble has recorded four works by Mozart and made the first period instrument recordings of Beethoven's early string quartets for the Smithsonian Collection of Recordings. The quartet also has released several sets of quartets by Haydn as part of an ongoing Haydn quartet project for deutsche-harmonia mundi/BMG label. Also being released are Smithson's interpretation of Mozart's six "Haydn" quartets and six viola quintets.

Tickets are available from the UCSD Box Office and from TicketMaster outlets for \$15. Parking permits are required on the UCSD campus and may be purchased for \$1 at the Gilman Drive and Northview Drive information pavilions. For information call 534-4559.

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