

Philadelphia, Tokyo and Guarneri string quartets to perform

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Three of the most internationally celebrated string quartets -- the Philadelphia, Tokyo and Guarneri -- will perform this fall in the final three concerts of the Faculty Chamber Society's 1976 season at the University of California, San Diego.

The Philadelphia String Quartet will perform September 18, the Tokyo String Quartet on October 8 and the Guarneri String Quartet on November 20. Their performances on the UC San Diego campus is a faculty guided effort to bring to the campus top quality musicians performing a "great classical music form" according to Dr. Robert N. Hamburger, professor of pediatrics and chairman of the faculty chamber group.

For fifteen years, the Philadelphia String Quartet has enjoyed international recognition for the brilliance and beauty of its art. Artists-in-residence at the University of Washington since 1966, quartet members are Stanley Ritchie, violin; Irwin Eisenberg, violin; Alan Iglitzin, viola, and Charles Brennand, cello. Their performance will include "Quartet No.2, Op. 17" by Bartok, "Quartet in C Major, K. 465 'Dissonant'" by Mozart and "Quarter in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1" by Mendelssohn.

Since it won the International Chamber Music Competition in Munich in 1970, the six-year-old Tokyo String Quartet has toured the United States and Europe every year to unflinching acclaim. The quartet is affiliated with the American University in Washington, D.C., and plays 300-year-old Amati instruments on loan from the Corcoran Gallery. Members of the quartet are Koichiro Harada, violin; Kikuei Ikeda, violin; Kazuhide Isomura, viola, and Sadao Harada, violoncello. Their program at UC San Diego will include "Quartet in B flat Major, Op. 50, No.1" by Haydn, "Quartet No. 4" by Bartok and "Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3" by Beethoven.

The Guarneri String Quartet, since its debut in 1965, has been regarded as the most popular and praised quartet of the era. Their tours are often sold-out and during their tenth anniversary season last year, they sold-out five concerts at the Lincoln Center in New York City. Members of the quartet are Arnold Steinhardt, violin; John Dalley, violin; Michael Tree, viola, and David Soyer, cello. Their program on November 20 will be "Quartet in G Major, Op. 77, No. 1" by Haydn, "First String Quartet," by Bartok and "Quartet in G Minor, Op. 27" by Grieg.

All performances will be at 8:30 p.m. in the Mandeville Auditorium at UC San Diego. Series tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling the UCSD Campus Program Board at 452-4090.

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