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Named for the great environmentalist John Muir, the Muir String Quartet will include in its program a West Coast premiere of a work by composer Joan Tower, at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in the Mandeville Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Tickets for the performance are \$18 for general admission and \$10 for students, and may be purchased at the UCSD Price Center Box Office and TicketMaster outlets.

The Muir String Quartet appears annually at most of the major chamber music series in North America and Europe. To date it has won two Grand Prix du Disque for its EMI recordings of the Franck Quintet and Chausson's Concert, op. 21.

The members are Peter Zazofsky and Bayla Keyes, violinists; Steven Ansell, violist; and Michael Reynolds, cellist.

The program will be: Haydn: Quartet in C Major, op. 74, no. 1; Joan Tower: "Night Fields" (West Coast premiere); and Schubert: Quartet in D minor, D. 810 (Death and the Maiden).

The commission of "Night Fields" was funded in part by Chamber Music America with funds from The Pew Charitable Trusts.

The Muir Quartet has appeared in New York's Carnegie Recital Hall and in the 92nd Street Y series. They have performed in major music venues in the United States, Canada and Europe. They have commissioned works by Tower, Richard Danielpour ("Shadow Dances"); and Richard Wilson (Third String Quartet).

Winner of the 1981 Naumberg Chamber Music Award and the 1980 Evian International String Quartet competition, the Muir first appeared on the international music scene in 1980.

The members of the quartet met at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where they studied chamber music with members of the Budapest Quartet and the Guarneri Quartet. Subsequently, the members spent two years in residence at Yale University. The Muir is currently in residence at Boston University.

This event is brought to San Diego by the UCSD University Events Office. For information call 534-4090. Parking permits are required on the UCSD campus and may be purchased at the Gilman Drive and Northview Drive information pavilions.

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