

Takacs String Quartet to perform at UCSD

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The prize-winning Takacs String Quartet of Budapest will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in the University of California, San Diego Mandeville Center Auditorium.

The program will be Haydn, Quartet in D Major, Op. 76, No. 5; Bartok, Quartet No. 6 and Brahms, Quartet in C minor.

Since 1977 the quartet has garnered a succession of first prizes in competitions at Bordeaux and Evian in France and Portsmouth, England, and enjoys special renown for its complete Beethoven and Bartok cycles.

Two years after its debut tour of North America in 1982, the quartet was invited to become artists in residence at the School of Music at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

The Takacs Quartet has collaborated with such distinguished artists as Andras Schiff, Mstislav Rostropovich, James Galway, Zoltan Kocsis, Tamas Vasary and Derso Ranki. Their discography on Hungaroton Records includes a highly acclaimed recording of the six Bartok quartets, plus quartets of Schumann, Schubert and Mozart.

The members are Gabor Takacs-Nagy and Karoly Schranz, Gabor Ormai, violist, and Andras Fejer, cellist. The group formed in 1975 while the members were still undergraduates at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest. They currently tour world wide, having appeared in major concert halls throughout Europe, and appear annually for a series at Wigmore Hall, London.

The New York Times has said, "The Takacs is a fluent ensemble, one capable of delivering outstanding performances of many different kinds of music. They offered all the virtues of central Europe's string playing tradition--joy and excitement but with a warm, relaxed quality."

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for general admission, and are available from the UCSD Box Office and TicketMaster outlets. For complete ticket information call 534-4559. The Takacs String Quartet is a UCSD University Events Office Presentation.

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