

## **Aman, International Folk Dance Ensemble to perform**

**November 5, 1979**

Holiday dances from all over the world will be performed by Aman, the International Folk Dance Ensemble, in a holiday dance festival Friday, Nov. 16, at the University of California, San Diego.

The professional dance ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in the Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets cost \$6.50 for general admission; \$5.50 for students and UC San Diego staff and faculty, and \$4 for UC San Diego students.

Since Aman was formed at UCLA in 1964, the troupe has grown into a professional company of 45 singers, dancers and musicians. Members have travelled extensively to research the music and dance of a variety of cultures, and many members have become experts on folklore and ethnic arts.

Most of the troupe's costumes are purchased from village craftsmen in the countries where each dance originated. Musical accompaniment is provided on authentic folk instruments ranging in size from the small Serbian fipple-flutes to the Roman cymbalom.

In a typical performance, the troupe will use more than 300 different costumes and up to 75 instruments from its impressive collection.

Among the dances which the troupe will perform in its UC San Diego appearance are the Moscow quadrilles, the Egyptian Mouled el Nour, a traditional Appalachian barn dance, a wedding dance from Tunisia and a festive dance to an all-string Yugoslavian tamburica orchestra.

The event is sponsored by the University Events Office. Tickets can be purchased at the UCSD Central Box Office.

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