

UCSD to honor 99th Birthday of Librabry Carillon donor, Joe Rubinger

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A special carillon concert will be held at noon, June 1, at the Central Library, University of California, San Diego, in honor of the 99th birthday of carillon donor Joe Rubinger, who gave the instrument to UCSD in 1989. The gift was presented in memory of his wife, Irene, who died that year. Rubinger is scheduled to attend the event.

The 15-minute concert will be in earshot of more than 15,000 routinely on the UCSD campus. It will feature an original composition by Till Meyn, a UCSD senior (Muir College), who will perform the new work live on the carillon keyboard. Meyn's work was commissioned especially for the event. He will graduate on June 13 with a degree in music.

Also performing will be Jim Soe Nyun, who will perform a selection of Baroque classics, and Scott Paulson, who will perform a piece by Hovannes. The concert will close with a sing-along of "The Birthday Song."

Since its installation atop the UCSD Central Library, the carillon has been used only once for a live performance by Paulson, when the newly expanded UCSD Central Library was rededicated on Feb. 25, 1993.

The carillon's bell-like tones are produced by metal rods, then amplified by large speakers that encircle the library roof. UCSD's carillon is operated by a computer-driven clock, and is programmed to chime on the hour. The computer can be overridden, so that a performer can play melodies and chords on the small, three-octave keyboard. The speakers can be turned off for live practice sessions.

Rubinger retired from scientific research in 1975 at the age of 77, and moved with his wife to San Diego. In that year, the Rubingers founded the Institute for Continued Learning (ICL), at UCSD. ICL members are retired professionals who conduct special study groups for other retirees.

The UCSD carillon is made by Maas-Rowe Carillons, Escondido, California.

For more information about the Joe Rubinger 99th Birthday Concert Event, contact Emily Raskin, Director of Development, Arts and Sciences, 534-2931.

Editors note: For photographs or video in the carillon booth atop the Central Library, in advance of the Joe Rubinger 99th Birthday Concert, call Scott Paulson, carillonneur, at 534-3339.

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