

April 29, 2009

Media Advisory

UC San Diego Conrad Prebys Music Center Celebrates May 8-9 Grand Opening

EVENT: With its opening, UC San Diego's new \$53 million Conrad Prebys Music Center launches the university's Department of Music into the future with state-of-the-art classrooms, practice studios, audio labs and world-class performance spaces including a 400-seat concert hall designed by Seattle-based LMN Architects in collaboration with world-renowned acoustician Cyril M. Harris, Ph.D.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, May 7, 10:00 a.m.

- **Exclusive Media Tour.** *Behind-the-scenes tour led by Rand Steiger, chair of UC San Diego's Department of Music, and Mark Reddington and Wendy Pautz, design partners at LMN Architects. Hear the superb acoustics in the concert hall and explore the acoustical range in the experimental theatre.*

Friday, May 8, 2009

- **Campus Open House, 3:00-4:45 p.m.**
Free, open to the UC San Diego community.
- **Music Center Campus Dedication, 5:00-5:30 p.m.**
Free, open to the UC San Diego community.
- **Opening Night Gala Concert, 7:00 p.m.**
A limited number of tickets for the concert and champagne reception will be available for \$125 each through the UCSD Box Office (858-534-TIXS). Donors who purchase one or more Concert Hall seat naming plaques (\$1,000 or \$5,000) are guaranteed two free tickets. Call (858) 534-9050 for information about seat naming opportunities.

Saturday, May 9, 2009

- **Public Open House, Noon-4:00 p.m.**
Free, open to the public. Come and explore the excellent architecture and state-of-the-art facilities. With demonstrations and free concerts, including recitals by Cecil Lytle (noon), Janos Negyesy (2:00 p.m.) and Aleck Karis (4:00 p.m.)
- **Public Concert, 8:00 p.m.**
Encore performance of the Opening Night Gala Concert. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$10 for UC San Diego staff, faculty and students. Call the UCSD Box Office at (858) 534-TIXS for tickets.

LOCATION: Conrad Prebys Music Center
University of California, San Diego at Russell Lane
For information visit: <http://music.ucsd.edu>

Note to Editors: **To attend any tour or concert at UC San Diego's Conrad Prebys Music Center, please contact:**
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