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**About the Speaker**

Aleck Karis is a pianist whose varied career has encompassed recitals, chamber music and appearances with orchestra. While still at the Juilliard School in the mid-70’s he was already playing with many of New York’s leading contemporary music ensembles, and as the pianist of the elite new music ensemble Speculum Musicae has performed dozens of premieres and appeared at major festivals such as those in Bath, Warsaw, Geneva and Venice. His discography includes solo piano music by Mozart, Stravinsky, Schumann, Chopin, Carter, Cage, Davidovsky, Babbitt, Glass, Reynolds and Liang. His recordings of contemporary ensemble music are even more extensive. Karis came to UCSD in 1990 and is presently a Professor of Music and Associate Dean of the division of Arts and Humanities.

**About the Lecture**

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