CSUS Sun Quartet Finds Itself in Demand

The University’s Sun Quartet is on a roll, and its members say it’s due in part to a newfound chemistry.

Not only are members looking forward to their first concert together since new violinist Robin Sharp joined the string quartet last fall, they are anticipating playing up to 30 concerts off campus next year.

“We expect to perform in other major cities throughout the United States, including San Francisco and New York,” says Andrew Luchansky, a CSUS cello professor and a founding member of the Sun Quartet. Luchansky says the group is in great demand and has offers from festivals and promoters around the United States.

Sharp, recently a San Francisco Symphony violinist, credits the string quartet’s growing success to a camaraderie that comes through in the quartet’s sound.

“We all enjoy and respect each other, both as players and as friends,” says Sharp, who was chosen by Carnegie Hall officials to be featured in its 1997-98 Rising Star Series. “The quartet takes pride in the fact that we have created a very committed and supportive working environment.”

Luchansky says the quartet has reached a new level.

“We don’t yet have the experience of the years together that the previous quartet has achieved a high level of ensemble precision in a short amount of time,” he says.

The Sun Quartet was established in 1994. Its creation brought a popular form of string entertainment to the University community and to Capital Region audiences.

Quartet violinist Anna Kruger was a founding violist of the Lark Quartet in New York City. Quartet violinist Anna Presler has participated in festivals at Tanglewood and at the International Musicians’ Program in Cornell, England.

Kruger and Sharp joined the quartet soon after married members Uri Wassertrug and Elizabeth Field left Sacramento for Uri’s Symphony Orchestra position in Washington with the Kennedy Center Opera Orchestra.

Luchansky is a founding member of the Sun Quartet. He has taught at CSUS since 1993. He is also a faculty member of the University’s Sun Orchestra, which performed at Carnegie Hall in March.

NOTE WORTHY – The CSUS Sun Quartet, a group of faculty string performers including (left to right) Anna Kruger, Andrew Luchansky, Robin Sharp and Anna Presler, will soon play its first concert with newcomer Sharp. The group is looking forward to as many as 30 concerts across the United States next year.

— Courtesy photo

Students Score at International Event

A team of undergraduate students from the CSUS College of Business Administration earned an honorable mention at the International Collegiate Business Policy Competition in San Diego over spring break. The 36th annual “Intercollegiate Business Games” included 23 undergraduate and 15 graduate programs from the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Netherlands.

CSUS also entered a graduate team in the competition. “The competition offers an opportunity for students to experience the totality of running a business,” said CSUS marketing professor Art Jensen, graduate team advisor and himself a 1968 participant. “Classroom material generally focuses on a piece of the action, but the competition forces the student to integrate all of the pieces and make them work.”

Five or six companies per world competed against each other five years of simulated time.

“I think this game is a unique opportunity that truly tests one’s skills, motivations, commitment and tenacity in a realistic business setting,” said Johnna Goeke of the undergraduate team. “It is a very challenging competition and asks a lot of the group members in making unified decisions,” adds graduate team participant Jeff Hotchkiss. “It is a competition, so it brings out that winning spirit that is essential for success in any endeavor.”

The final phase was the three-day conference in San Diego, where

University to Honor Year’s Top Students

CSUS will honor its top graduates next month at the annual Honors Convocation, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 in the University Union Ballroom.

Special Academic Achievement Awards will be given to 30 students selected by their departments for academic excellence, leadership and contributions to campus life. Hundreds of other students who will graduate with honors during the 1999-2000 academic year also will be honored.

In addition, the winner of the Outstanding Senior Award will be announced.

CSUS President Donald R. Gerth will present the awards. There will be entertainment by the University’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble, and a reception will follow.

This year’s recipients are: Husam Alesawi, Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Lucie Agopian, Physical Therapy; Rebecca Allen, Computer Science; Brodie Azevedo, Social Science; Teresa Becher, Government; Amanda Borgett, Special Major; Peter Briggs, Geography, Robin Clark, Art, James Cruse, Management Information Science; Shannon Dixon, Family and Consumer Sciences; Gary Dodson, Criminal Justice; Dana Dallais, Vocational Education; Kimbra Eggert, Recreation and Leisure Studies; Peter Franchub, Physics and Astronomy; Krist Garrett, Journalism; Nancy Gibbs, Organizational Behavior and Environment; Marva Hancock, Humanities and Religious Studies; Gina Heaton, Kinesiology, Adrienne Hickerson, History; Sabrina Cole Highy, Accountancy; Kyle Hinzu, Mathematics and Statistics; Kelly Kerrigan, Liberal Studies; Heidi Krautschick, Foreign Languages; Barbara Kropacek,
Cynthia Parkinson, nursing, has a regular column called “Complementary and Alternative Medicine.” The “Patients Want More” was in the journal The Case Manager.


Candela Perez-DeLeon and David Dworkin, social work, presented their annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in New York Feb. 26-29.

Aline Peyrot, social work, held a “meet the authors” session for her book Economic Globalization and Strategies for Community Action at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in New York Feb. 26-29.

President Donald R. Gerth and the senior administrative staff will host a reception honoring retiring University employees from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Friday, May 19 in the University Union Orchestra Suite. The campus community is invited to pay tribute to these faculty and staff for their contributions to the University.

Three to be honored include:

- Mary GI, CSU-Long Beach 
- William, Visalia 
- William V, UC Berkeley

The CSUS Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities section from faculty, administration and staff. Items are run on a space available basis. They should be no longer than 75 words and may be submitted to bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290.

**Scholarship**

Ben Amara, University Library, reviewed the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s report for Government Information Quarterly. He donated the five-volume set and CD-ROM to the library.


Miles Roberts, geography, will serve a project coordinator in the NASA Spaceflight and Life Sciences Training Program for undergraduates at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Doman Lam, social work, presented his paper “Cultural Diversity in Social Work Education and Asian American Clinical Social Work” at the Effective Clinical Practice with Asian and Asian American Conference in New York March 31 – April 1. The conference was sponsored by New York University Ehrenkranz School of Social Work, the Asian/Pacific/ American Studies Institute and the Coalition on Asian American Mental Health.

**Retirement Reception May 19**

Meet the Candidates for Provost

Members of the campus community are invited to the remaining meetings with the candidates for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs. Those wishing to provide written comments about candidates should submit them to the President’s Office no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 9.

The remaining meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Louis Mui – 1 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 3 in Albie Hall Room 153
- David Williams – 10 to 11 a.m., Friday, May 5 in the University Union Auburn Room
- Alan Teramura – 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, May 5 in the University Union Auburn Room
- Herman Lujan – 9 to 10 a.m., Monday, May 8 in the University UnionOrchard Suite
- Merrill Lesley, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9 in the University Union Orchestra Suite.

Meetings with Associate Dean Candidates

The campus community is invited to meet the candidates for interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Comments on any of the candidates may be directed to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joleen Koester at jkoester@csus.edu or at campus zip 60166.

The meetings are as follows:

- Marilyn Hopkins – 10 to 30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 11 in the Sacramento Hall Sierra Room
- Cecil Cant – 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 11 in Sacramento Hall 275.

Public Policy Celebrates 10 Years

The faculty and staff of the CSUS graduate program in public policy and administration will have a program and reception in celebration of its 10th anniversary from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 2 in the University Union Redwood Room.

The program will feature graduates of the public class admission to the program. Those interested in attending should contact Suzi Byrd 278-6557.

**Reserve Book Reading Room Hours**

The Reserve Book Reading Room will offer extended hours for student studying beginning Sunday, May 21. Additional hours will be Monday-Thursdays, May 21-25 from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. There will be no access to the Reserve Book Room or the University Library during the extended hours.

Students will be asked to leave their IDs with the attendant on duty for the duration of their stays. For further information, call Eva Jimenez at 278-6876.
What Do You Think?

The Office of University Affairs is currently involved in its planning and self-study process. Your help in assessing the efforts of the unit and improvements that should be made are greatly appreciated. Please return this form by June 1 to campus zip 6026. If you wish to contribute additional feedback, please address it to Robert Jones, Vice President of University Affairs.

Are you a member of the: ___faculty ___staff ___administration ___student leadership?

How many years have you been on the campus? ________________

What are your primary sources of campus news and information (select up to three)? ___e-mail ___webpages ___State Hornet ___memos ___fliers ___Bulletin

If other, what? ________________

Do you read the weekly campus newsletter, the CSUS Bulletin?

___yes ___no __occasionally

Do you read it: ___cover-to-cover ___a few articles of interest ___glance at it other ________________?

Do you read it: ___online or ___a paper copy?

Do you pick it up: ___around campus ___through your campus mail or ___mailed to your home?

Please mark your first, second and third favorite parts of the Bulletin.

___News of decisions, appointment, policies ___Campus improvements

___News of faculty research and accomplishments ___Calendar

___Faculty features or profiles ___Job News

___Staff features or profiles ___News Briefs

___News of student accomplishments ___Professional Activities

___Stories about new programs Other ________________

Do you think the Bulletin should be: ___expanded ___eliminated ___left as is ___on-line only other ________________?

Conference, Peace Awards Focus on African Issues

Color-blind racism, Rwanda and the changing African family are among the topics at an upcoming conference at CSUS: “Africans in the Americas: Past Present and Future” will be May 4-6 in the several rooms in the University Union.

On the final day of the conference, Saturday, May 6, Africa Peace Education Awards will be presented to Sacramento resident and NBA star Kevin Johnson and best-selling author Cornell West. Johnson is being honored for his contributions in the area of peace and conflict resolution.

West, author of the bestseller Race Matters, is being recognized for his “distinguished scholarship and erudite contributions in the area of peace and multiculturalism.” Uwazie says, West is a prominent lecturer and philosopher, and is a professor of African American studies and religion at Harvard University. The Chicago Sun-Times describes Race Matters as a look at the “loss of hope and disregard for human (especially black) life.” West says afflicts America.

The awards dinner and dance is a benefit for the Summer 2000 Youth Peace and Cultural Education Program in Ghana. Tickets are $30 for dinner and $45 for dinner and a reception, in advance, and $35 and $50 at the door. More information on both the conference and the dinner is available by calling the CSUS Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution at 278-6282.

What would you like to read less of? ________________

What would you like to read more of? ________________

Do you find the Bulletin: ___very informative ___somewhat informative ___not useful?

Publications and Design Unit

Do you have any interactions with the Publications Office? ___yes ___no

How often in an academic year? ________________

Has your experience been: ___excellent ___good ___bad?

Please explain ________________

What service is most useful to you? ________________

Ticket Services

Have you ever used the Central Ticket Office on campus to purchase tickets? ___yes ___no

If you have purchased tickets were they to: ___on-campus ___off-campus events or ___both?

Do you have any suggestions for improving campus box office services? ________________

Public Events and Ceremonies

Have you attended a commencement ceremony at ARCO? ___yes ___no.

If yes, what do you believe is the main benefit of having commencement at ARCO? ________________

What is the main drawback? ________________

How many total graduates and guests do you think attend the spring ceremonies? ___5,000 ___10,000 ___20,000 ___30,000 ___40,000 ___50,000

What one improvement would you like to see at commencement? ________________
Ongoing
Addendum 2000, works of Northern California artists. 7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays, and 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sundays. Reception 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, Multi-Cultural Center, library.

Monday, May 1
CSUS Percussion Group, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. 56/54 students and seniors. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Monday, May 1
CSUS Saxophone Quartet, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. 68/54 students. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

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Member of the undergraduate team’s company, called Tijago, will perform. The winners were decided by the teams’ numerical performance, as advanced CSUS music students.

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Sun Quartet will perform music by Brahms, Schubert and new composer Scott Warner at 8 p.m., Monday, May 8 in Capistrano Hall room 151. They will perform the works Quartet by Schubert and Piano Quintet opus 34 in F minor by Brahms. Tickets are $12 general, $8 for students and seniors and can be purchased from the CSUS Central Ticket Office at 278-4323, or at BASS.

Tuesday, May 2
Adaline 2000, works of Northern California artists. reception 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Multi-Cultural Center, library. Exhibit open 7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fridays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays. Continues to Friday, May 5.

Tuesday, May 2
CSUS Piano Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. 56/54 students and seniors. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Wednesday, May 3
Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me, 7:30 p.m., Residence Halls Lawn. CSUS Libraric Woodwind Quartet, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. 56/54 students. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Thursday, May 4
"Cinco de Mayo Celebration," mariachi, aztec, dancing and folklorico, 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m., University Union Redwood Room.

Friday, May 5


"Creating A Vertical Village: Somali/Ethiopian Traditions of Immigration and Transnational Cultural Life," Diana N’Diaye, Smithsonian Institute folk life director, Visiting Scholars Series, 1 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium.

Evaluation of Teaching Excellence, Center for Teaching & Learning, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., University Union Forest Suite. Details 278-5945.

Faculty Evaluation: What Constitutes Good Teaching and How Do We Collect It?” Thomas Angelo, DePaul University, government professor, Visiting Scholars Series, 9 a.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium.

University French and women studies professor, Visiting Scholars Series, 1 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium.

"A Passion for the Land," recent works by artist Gregory Kondos. 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday and 5 - 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, University Union Exhibit Lounge. Exhibit continues to Friday, May 5.

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Management; Ryan Lauchli, Chemistry; Cheryl Leonard, Child Development; Lynne Ludwig, Health Science; Matt Maloney, Graphic Design; Alexandra Mark, Interior Design; Rebecca Mayer, Speech Pathology; Stephen Miller, Music; Leslie Moore, Social Work; Jennifer Nito, Ethnic Studies; Staci Noblitt, Mechanical Engineering; Michelle Wilhelmson, Theatre Arts; Julie Wolfenbender, Communication Studies; Tanya Wyckoff, Civil Engineering; and Barbara Young, Sociology.

The event is free and open to the public. More information is available by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at 278-6295.