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SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- Jose Feliciano, the young blind guitarist whose artistry and interpretive style have brought him international fame will appear at the University of San Diego Sunday, Oct. 27.

Feliciano is currently the center of controversy for his rendering of the national anthem when he sang it at the start of the fifth World Series game between St. Louis and Detroit.

Blind from birth, Feliciano as a child moved to New York with his parents from his native Puerto Rico. There he began to demonstrate his ability to make music by fingerling the keyboard of an accordion, and learning from records. His first concert, a neighborhood event, was given at the age of 8, and his first public performance from a professional stage one year later.

Feliciano turned to the guitar, and by constant listening to records of Montoya, Segovia and other famous instrumentalists, the young musician developed his own style. Among the people of Spanish Harlem and Greenwich Village, New York, he earned a reputation as an itinerant blind guitarist.

The young musician, who now lives in Newport Beach, features in his concerts the particular style which has won him international fame, based on favorite melodies of current popularity and tunes of the past.

The "Feliciano touch" is now on film sound tracks and popular recordings. His concert in San Diego, at the USD gymnasium, has been arranged by the ASB. Performance starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $3.00.

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