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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AVANT-GUARDE PIANIST TO PERFORM AT USD

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--Pianist and composer Yuji Takahashi will appear in concert at the University of San Diego the evening of Thursday, Feb. 11.

The wispy little pianist from Tokyo has an international reputation as a performer of contemporary music, and is also noted for his modern mode of dress.

Takahashi will perform in Camino Hall Theatre at 8:15, sponsored by the Associated Students. The concert is open without charge to the public.

The young concert artist will perform Stravinsky's "Piano Rag Music." The program will include "Sonata No. 9" by Scriabin; "Herma" by Yannis Xenakis; "A Valentine Out of Season," John Cage; and "Le Traquet Strapazin," Olivier Messiaen.

Xenakis composed "Herma" for Takahashi, at his request, and it is apparently the only piece the exiled Greek composer has ever written for anyone.

Xenakis invited the young pianist to study with him in Berlin but advised him to first study mathematical theory. Takahashi was his student from 1963 to 1965. Xenakis uses mathematics for his inspiration in composing music.

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Takahashi has performed as soloist with the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, and also with the San Francisco Symphony, Toronto Symphony and with the Boston Symphony, again under Bernstein.

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