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SARASOTA--A pianist with two separate personalities in the world of music will perform with the New College String Quartet in a concert Wednesday evening at Hamilton Center on campus.

Leonid Hambro, as famed for his appearances with comedian Victor Borge as he is for his concert performances with the New York Philharmonic and other orchestras, will be the guest artist when the resident string quartet gives its second public performance at 8:15 p.m. on the New College campus.

The performance also will be a prelude to the June Summer Music Festival since Hambro will be both a teacher and a performer during the June musical event, as will the members of the quartet.

Members of the quartet are violinists Paul Wolfe and Anita Brooker, violist William Magers and cellist Christopher von Baeyer.

In the two part program, a variety of groupings of the musicians has been scheduled. Hambro, Wolfe, Brooker and von Baeyer open the evening with Handel's Trio Sonata No. 1 in G Minor. Next, the full quartet plays Three Pieces for String Quartet by Stravinsky. Then,

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Hambro, Wolfe, Magers and von Baeyer will perform Mozart's Piano Quartet No. 2 in E Flat. After an intermission, the pianist and the full quartet will perform Dvorak's Quintet in A Major, Opus 81.

The guest artist, Hambro, gave his first recital at the age of five, and when he was barely in his teens, won a five year fellowship at the Juilliard School of Music, which he interrupted with service in the U.S. Navy in World War II. In 1946 he won a Naumburg Award and a few months later he was called to join the New York Philharmonic Orchestra as official pianist and almost simultaneously he returned to Juilliard as a member of the faculty.

In the years since, he has performed in recitals, as soloist with leading symphony orchestras, conducted orchestras, composed background music, and lectured.

Within the last five years, though, Hambro has achieved a new measure of fame for his performances with comedian Victor Borge in concerts, on television, at Las Vegas, and in a long run Broadway performance, "Comedy in Music."

Wednesday's program will be all serious, though, as Hambro and the quartet perform music written for such small groups by four of the world's great composers.

Three members of the quartet are members of the New College faculty--Wolfe, Magers, and von Baeyer--while Mrs. Brooker plays with a number of area symphony orchestras. They formed the New College String Quartet last spring and spent the summer performing together in Connecticut for the Silvermine Guild of Artists.

Tickets are on sale for the concert at the Sport Shop in downtown Sarasota, at the Allied Arts Council ticket office in the Blue Pagoda in the Sarasota Civic Center, or by calling New College, 355-7131, Extension 254.