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"Royal Family of the Guitar" Opens Art Series

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DAYTON, Ohio, September 23, 1969 --- The Romeros, Celedonio, and sons Celin, Pepe and Angel—the Spanish "Royal Family of the Guitar," will open the University of Dayton Arts Series Friday, September 26, at 8:15 p.m. in the Kennedy Ballroom.

Extraordinary guitarists acclaimed nationwide, the Romeros will present a varied program of Spanish and contemporary music. Since they began concertizing in 1961, Celedonio Romero and his sons have played approximately 600 North American concerts. Their network television appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show, Today Show, Tonight and many others; a number of highly successful recordings on the Mercury Label; stories in such nationwide media as Time Magazine and McCall's and of course, their successful concerts, have all contributed to the devoted following which they now enjoy.

As guest artists with symphony orchestras, The Romeros have recently added yet another dimension to their extraordinary performance record. Their success in initial appearances with the orchestras of Dallas and San Antonio was so great that the Romeros invited the Esterhazy Orchestra to appear with them in New York at Carnegie Hall. In recent months, the quartet has appeared with the Hollywood Bowl, Cleveland Orchestra and the Honolulu Symphony.

Their "PERFECTLY GLORIOUS GUITAR PLAYING," "Their artistry, rooted in dignity" (N. Y. Times) is "disciplined in a family tradition and mellowed to a sweetness and delicacy UNIQUE IN THE FIELD." (N. Y. World Telegram and Sun). Their music ranges from J. S. Bach to Spanish flamencos, to contemporary.

Rolf Stromberg of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says of them: "The only word that fits this quartet, born in Spain but who left that country in 1957, is fantastic. They play as a group and as individual soloists alone on the stage, and whatever they do is exquisitely phrased and intelligently understood."

Season tickets are $6.00 and may be purchased by sending a check (payable to the University of Dayton) and a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing of tickets to: University Arts Series, Kennedy Union, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45409.