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Cal Poly Symphony and Choirs to Perform ‘Carmina Burana’ May 31

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Symphony and Choirs will perform Carl Orff’s legendary masterpiece “Carmina Burana” at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 31, in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Symphony conductor David Arriveé and Cal Poly Choirs conductor Thomas Davies will share the podium, leading over 200 musicians on stage at Harman Hall.

“Carmina Burana” is music set to Latin, German and French songs of a 13th-century manuscript containing satirical moral poems, love songs, and drinking and gaming songs.

Three guest soloists will perform with the symphony and choirs. Soprano Mary Sue Gee, from Los Osos, sings the role of one of the nameless lovers. Tenor Jonathan Mack, from Los Angeles, will perform the roast swan, a favorite of audiences. Santa Barbara resident Emil Cristescu, baritone, will sing several roles, including the abbot of idle pleasure.

Tickets for the concert are $10 and $12 for the public, $8 and $10 for seniors and $6 for students. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787). Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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