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Cal Poly Music Department Announces 2008-2009 Season Events

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The Cal Poly Music Department's 2008-2009 season, which kicks off with a faculty recital on Saturday, Sept. 27, has something for everybody, including discounts for those who purchase tickets to multiple events.

The opening recital will feature mezzo-soprano Jacalyn Kreitzer and pianist Susan Azaret Davies in "The Great Poets in Song: 1900 and Beyond!" The recital, at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre, will include "the lilting and exquisite melodies of composers whose subjects and texts are delicious and sometimes manic," said Kreitzer.

The Cal Poly Choirs' Debut Concert, "American Idols," is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center. The choirs will perform American heritage music, including folksongs, barbershop, patriotic songs and spirituals.

"Mi Alma Latina" is the title of Bandfest '08 on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall. The concert will highlight the fascinating rhythms of Spain, Cuba, and Central and South America. Bandfest will feature more than 200 wind and percussion musicians plus a performance by the Pride of the Pacific Mustang Marching Band.

The Cal Poly Symphony's Fall Concert will feature Russian music. The performance is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, with pianist W. Terrence Spiller as the featured soloist for Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto.

The University Jazz Bands and Cal Poly Jazz Combos will present an eclectic mix of jazz standards and modern compositions during their Fall Concert Friday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre.

The Cal Poly Choirs' "A Christmas Celebration," a longtime local favorite, will be played on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall. The special sounds of the season will include carols from around the world and a guest appearance by the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble.

Cal Poly's Music Department will also offer performances of Arab music and opera, as well as swing dance concerts and several free student vocal, piano and instrumental recitals.

Tickets can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 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). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four events; a 15 percent discount is given for tickets to five or more events. All events are sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department and the College of Liberal Arts. Several are co-sponsored by the Instructionally Related Activities program.

For more information, including ticket prices and a complete list of events for the 2008-2009 season, go to the online calendar at <http://music.calpoly.edu/calendar>, e-mail music@calpoly.edu, or call 756-2406.

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