Cal Poly to Present Oct. 18 Lecture-Recital Featuring ‘Poems of E.E. Cummings’

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Music Department faculty members will present a lecture and recital titled “Poems of E.E. Cummings” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus.

Katherine Arthur, soprano, and Susan Azaret Davies, piano, will perform songs composed by Cal Poly faculty member Kenneth S. Habib. Habib’s “Poems of E.E. Cummings” is a cycle of eight poems selected from across the career of Cummings and arranged in four pairs.

Before the recital, Habib will discuss the compositional design of the song cycle, and Arthur and Davies will give performance demonstrations, followed by the premiere of the entire cycle.

Arthur, who teaches voice at Cal Poly, has appeared as a soloist with the Southwest Chamber Music Ensemble, Santa Barbara Oratorio Society and Pacific Repertory Opera. As a guest artist in Europe, she recorded works for the Austrian Radio.

Davies has performed at the Oregon Bach Festival, Cabrillo Festival, Long Beach Bach Festival and San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival. She has also performed in concerts with the Gachinger Kantorei of Stuttgart, Germany, and the New York Philharmonic. She teaches piano and accompanies at Cal Poly and for the Cuesta Master Chorale.

Admission at the door will be $5 for the public and $2 for seniors and students.

The recital is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call 756-2406.