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Cal Poly Music Faculty to Perform 'Great Poets in Song' Sept. 27

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Music Department faculty members Jacalyn Kreitzer, mezzo-soprano, and Susan Azaret Davies, pianist, will present "The Great Poets in Song: 1900 and Beyond!" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, in the Spanos Theatre on campus.

The recital will feature "the litling and exquisite melodies of composers whose subjects and texts are delicious and sometimes manic," Kreitzer said.

The program includes works of Frances Poulenc, Charles Loeffler, Kurt Weill, Jake Heggie, Franz Lehar and Leonard Bernstein, with texts by Bertolt Brecht, Paul Verlaine, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Emily Dickinson and Guillaume Apollinaire.

Kreitzer and Davies will premiere "Utterances," a piece composed by recent Music Department graduate and San Luis Obispo native Alex Kato-Willis. Guest appearances will be made by Nancy Nagano, cello, and music major Adrienne Stallings, mezzo-soprano.

Kreitzer teaches voice and diction at Cal Poly, and produces and directs its annual student opera production. She has sung with some of the world's most renowned opera companies and orchestras, including the Metropolitan Opera, Deutsche Opera Berlin, San Francisco Opera, New York City Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Barcelona and Geneva operas and the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, under the batons of Zubin Mehta, James Levine, Jeffrey Tate, Valery Gerghiev, Christopher Hogwood and Luciano Berio, among others.

Davies enjoys a dual career as a singer and a pianist. She teaches piano and accompanying at Cal Poly, she accompanies the Cuesta Master Chorale, and she is the choir director/organist at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Pismo Beach. Her festival appearances include the Oregon Bach Festival, the Cabrillo Festival, the Long Beach Bach Festival and the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival. She has also performed in with the New York Philharmonic and made her Carnegie Hall debut in a trio recital in 2001.

Tickets to the recital are \$10 for the public and \$6 for senior citizens and students. They can be purchased 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 Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

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