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Cal Poly Choirs Perform in Debut Concert Oct. 25

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Choirs will perform their annual Debut Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center on campus.

Titled "American Idols," the program will feature music by such outstanding American composers as William Billings, Aaron Copland, Randall Thompson and Charles Ives. Selections from America's folk song, Southern harmony, and African American spiritual traditions will also be featured, as well as the words of famous poets such as Edgar Allan Poe.

The evening will conclude with the combined choirs performing "America the Beautiful" with Paul Woodring accompanying on the Forbes Pipe Organ.

Cal Poly Music Professor Thomas Davies will conduct the 47-member PolyPhonics and the 75-members of The University Singers. Pianists Susan Azaret Davies and Paul Woodring will accompany the choirs.

In addition, the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble and the a capella ensemble Take It SLO will perform.

Tickets are $13 and $15 general, $12 and $14 seniors and $8 students, and 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). Discounts are given to patrons who buy tickets to four or more Music Department events for 2008-2009.

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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