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PolyPhonics to Present ‘A Night at the Pops’ May 28

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Members of PolyPhonics, Cal Poly's premier choral group, will give a benefit concert titled "Happiness is … A Night at the Pops" at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 28, in Cal Poly's Spanos Theatre.

The concert of popular music, including selections from Broadway musicals, is being presented to help raise funds for more than 120 student-musicians to travel to Europe for a 16-day concert tour in July. Music major Melody Svennungsen, a member of PolyPhonics, is the director and creator of the show.

The summer concert tour will provide an opportunity for members of PolyPhonics, the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble, and four soloists to perform in some of the finest concert halls in Eastern Europe.

PolyPhonics and the Wind Ensemble have been invited to perform at the opening concert for the annual Mid-Europe Conference for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in Schladming, Austria. Wind band performers from throughout Europe and North America have been invited to the Mid-Europe Conference.

PolyPhonics will also perform in Budapest, Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad), Munich, Prague, Salzburg and Vienna.

Approximately $40,000 still needs to be raised. "We're hoping the concert will put us closer to our goal," said Music Professor Thomas Davies, who leads PolyPhonics.

Tickets to the benefit concert are $10 and $15 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. To order tickets by phone, call 756-2787 (SLO-ARTS). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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.

Private donations are also welcome. Those contributing $3,000 or more will be listed as a "Sponsor" in the ensembles' printed programs this season and next. Contributions of this amount will support one or more participating students. Other sponsor levels include "Gold Circle" - $2,000-$2,999, "Conductors Circle" - $1,000-$1,999, "Benefactor" - $500-$999, "Patron" - $100-$499 and "Friend" - $25-$99.

For more information about the concert or about becoming a donor, contact the Cal Poly Music Department at 756-2406 or www.music.calpoly.edu.

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