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Jazz Night at Cal Poly to Feature Blues and Boogie Woogie

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Blues and Boogie Big Band -- also known as Cal Poly's University Jazz Band #1 -- will perform the blues and boogie-woogie music of Louis Jordan and other R&B songs of the 1940s and 1950s at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at in Harman Hall in the Cohan Center.

Jordan, one of the most popular vocalists and saxophonists of the '40s and '50s, created hard-swinging jazz with humorous titles such as "You Dyed Your Hair Chartreuse" and "Ain't Nobody Here but Us Chickens."

"We will have the Performing Arts Center stompin" said Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly.

One of San Luis Obispo's leading jazz vocalists, Sunny Wright, will be featured along with four swing dancers who will "show how this rockin' music makes you move," Rinzler said.

The University Jazz Band #2 will also perform several pieces by Jordan, and two jazz combos will showcase examples of bluesy and soulful jazz.

Tickets to the Jazz Night Concert are $6 to $15 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); to order by fax, dial 756-6088; to order on the Web, go to www.pacslo.org.

Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406 or go online to http://music.calpoly.edu.

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