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State's Best High School Wind, String and Jazz Band Musicians To Perform at Cal Poly April 23

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Performances by the All-State Festival Wind Orchestra, String Orchestra, and Jazz Band featuring over 100 of California's top high-school musicians, will help conclude Cal Poly's Open House festivities at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, in the Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall.

The All-State Festival Concert continues an annual Cal Poly Music Department tradition that brings many of California’s finest young musicians to campus to perform. They are chosen by recorded audition and arrive only the Friday before the concert to begin rehearsals.

The Festival Wind Orchestra will perform "Fanfare in Jubilo" by Thomas Doss, “Daemonia” by Erland M. Freudenthaler and "Suite Montreux" by Franz Cibulka. The Festival String Orchestra will perform Edvard Grieg's "Holberg Suite."

The Festival Jazz Band will perform "Down 'n Up" by Les Sabina, “The Penguin” by Raymond Scott, "There's a Mingus Among Us,” by Rick Lawn and “Amlak Abet Abet” by Teshome Sissay, adapted by Paul Rinzler.

The All-State Wind Orchestra will be under the direction of Johann Mösenbichler, professor of music at the Bruckner Conservatory of Music in Linz, Austria. Mösenbichler is in great demand as a conductor throughout Europe and the United States.

The All-State String Orchestra will be conducted by Denis Segond, who has been saluted by the Danish press for making “the orchestra play with both precision and inspiration.”

The All-State Jazz Band will be led by Cal Poly Music Department Director of Jazz Studies Paul Rinzler, an active jazz performer, composer, teacher and conductor.

Guest soloist with the Jazz Band will be trumpeter Mike Vax, who has performed on more than 75 albums, 20 under his own name. He currently leads the Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra, the Mike Vax Big Band featuring alumni of the Stan Kenton Orchestra, TRPTS (Trumpets), the Great American Jazz Band, and the Mike Vax Quintette and Sextette.

Tickets to the Open House Concert are $8 to $18 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.

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.

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Cal Poly to Host All-State Festival Ensembles