‘Curtain Going Up!’ on Cal Poly Arts season

Using the traditional backstage phrase “Curtain Going Up!” as its theme – to signify the moment a stage dream becomes reality – Cal Poly Arts is set to begin its first season in the new Performing Arts Center.

In celebration of the center’s completion, Cal Poly Arts has also increased the scope and number of its offerings, up from 26 to 31. In addition, two new program series were created: Cal Poly Presents and New Directions.

Cal Poly Presents will showcase big-name, mainstream shows and artists, while New Directions events will lean toward the unconventional and experimental.

Cal Poly Presents series
- The Cal Poly Presents series will open Thursday, Oct. 17, with a national touring production of The Who’s Broadway musical, “Tommy.” Winner of five Tony Awards, “Tommy” was considered groundbreaking for daring to fuse the worlds of opera and rock music. Today, the allegory of the “pinball wizard” comes spectacularly to life as a fully staged, dazzling musical production.
- Friday, Feb. 21 - Renowned, piano-playing PBS comedian Mark Russell will bring his wry, witty insights to the Cal Poly stage.
- Monday, April 7 - Performance artist, movie-maker, and actor Spaulding Gray will perform his latest work, “Slippery Slope,” about the trials and rewards of being an “older,” 40-something father.
- Sunday, May 25 - The national touring production of “Kiss of the Spider Woman,” a multiple Tony-winner starring Argentine sensation Sandra Guida, will be staged.

New Directions series
- The first New Directions event will be The Whirling Dervishes on
Thursday, Jan. 23. Hailed by critics in Los Angeles and San Francisco, the troupe of musicians, scholars and devotees of Turkey’s Mevlevi Order mesmerizes audiences with its reenactment of a religious ceremony.
- Tuesday, Feb. 18 - New York performance artist Danny Hoch will give San Luis Obispo residents a taste of the Big Apple. The Village Voice named him “Culture’s Best and Brightest” for his dazzling assortment of perfectly rendered New Yorkers.

Great Performances series
- The Carnegie Hall Jazz Band will inaugurate the always-popular Great Performances series on Thursday, Nov. 7. Under the direction of jazz master John Faddis, the big band excels at no-holds-barred jazz, diving into re-worked classics.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28 - Japan’s legendary percussionists, Kodo, will thrill theatergoers with their blood-coursing, heart-pounding performance.
- Friday, Jan. 31 - The Israel Camarata Orchestra will perform.
- Tuesday, March 18 - The renowned Polish folk dance company Mazowsze will make its second Cal Poly appearance.

Family Arts series
- The 1996-97 Family Arts series premieres Tuesday, Oct. 15, with Dr. Dinosaur, a fun-filled educational story about dinosaurs who start a Saturday morning children’s television show.
- Friday, Nov. 8 - TheatreWorks/USA will stage its musical production about “Curious George,” a lovably mischievous monkey.
- Thursday, Feb. 6 - Canadian singer-songwriter Charlotte Diamond will delight the entire family.
- Saturday, March 22 - Sesame Street’s Bob McGrath will appear in

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ASI's Harrigan resigns; Lilly named to post

ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan has resigned the post effective Aug. 31. Soncia Lilly, assistant to Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez, has been chosen to serve in the position through June 1998, ASI President Steve McShane has announced.

Harrigan will take on Lilly’s job, aiding Gonzalez in the oversight and management of the Student Affairs Division.

“Polly’s special talents and experience will be a great asset to the Student Affairs Division,” Gonzalez said. “She has served the ASI well for more than three years and established an admirable trust and rapport with students.”

Lilly was appointed to the ASI post by student body officers after a recommendation by a search committee that included the officers as well as other students, university managers, Harrigan, and Gonzalez.

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conjunction with KidSalute, the annual Cal Poly Arts celebration for children. He will perform an original musical revue with a huge cast of local kids.

- Thursday, May 22 - Native American Kevin Locke, noted for traditional hoop dancing and flute playing, will appear.

Create Your Own Series

Cal Poly Arts regular events, plus New Directions and Family Arts events, fall under the “Create Your Own Series” label that qualifies for multiple-event discounts. Regular events begin with two concerts that are also part of the annual Stone Soup Festival, a festival of many cultures.

- Traditional Native American sounds will merge with rock and world-beat rhythms when Taos Pueblo singer-songwriter Robert Mirabal performs on Saturday, Sept. 14, in the Cal Poly Theatre.
- Saturday, Sept. 21 - La Musgana quartet will play the music of Spain with its gypsy, Moorish and Celtic influences, also in the Cal Poly Theatre.
- Tuesday, Oct. 29 - The Washington, D.C.-based irreverent musical revue “Capitol Steps” will be staged. Just in time for the November election, these former government staffers will provide relief from election fever with jabs at their bosses and other politicians.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 - Beginning their 16th season, the highly acclaimed Muir String Quartet will make their Cal Poly debut.
- Friday, Nov. 15 - One of Gospel’s greatest ensembles, the Blind Boys of Alabama, will blow the roof off the Performing Arts Center’s main hall.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 - The 80-plus member National Ensemble of Tibet will share the culture and traditions of their native land.
- Friday, Nov. 22 - The center will echo with the soulful sound of L.A.’s Perla Batalla, a pop sensation with a voice compared to country crossover star k.d. lang.
- Friday, Feb. 14 - Windham Hill’s most popular guitarist, Alex de Grassi, will perform. Critics agree that he is one of today’s greatest technical virtuosos.
- Thursday, Feb. 27 - Drawing on Russia’s superb, 1,000-year tradition of choral music, the 15-voice, male capella chamber choir Chorovaya Akademia will stun audiences with its remarkable range, brilliant technique, and impassioned interpretations.
- Friday, Feb. 28 - A French lecture about break-dancing and three jocks pondering the extinction of the dinosaurs are just two of the imaginative themes Dr. Schaffer and Mr. Stern will use to introduce their light-hearted brand of modern dance to the Central Coast.
- Thursday, March 6 - Actress-playwright Anne Gajour will evoke the sights, smells, and steamy heat of the Louisiana bayou in a tour-de-force solo theater piece.
- Wednesday, April 2 - Cal Poly music professor and Mozart Festival founder Clifton Swanson will take on the predominant Central Coast-based chamber orchestra for the Annual Baroque Concert.
- Thursday, April 10 - The music and story of Jelly Roll Morton will fill the new Performing Arts Center when the best off-Broadway musical of 1995, “Jelly Roll!,” comes to town.
- Tuesday, April 15 - Zap Mama, five female a capella singers of Euro-African origin, will present their exquisite harmonies and exotic melodies in the Cal Poly Theatre.
- Wednesday, April 16 - Local audiences will have their last chance to see L.A.’s renowned Lewitzky Dance Company. Founder and artistic director Bella Lewitzky, noted for her sensual style of modern dance, will disband the company after this farewell tour.
- Tuesday, April 22 - The Angeles String Quartet will close the Create Your Own Series. Founded in 1988, the group has become one of the top chamber ensembles performing today.

Patrons who buy tickets to at least four Cal Poly Arts season events are eligible to receive a discount for Create Your Own Series events.

For subscription tickets (four or more events) or more information, call the Performing Arts Center ticket office at ext. 2787.

Season tickets can also be ordered by mail or fax and at the Performing Arts Center ticket window on Grand Avenue.

Season brochures are available on campus at the Performing Arts Center ticket office, the Cal Poly Theatre, the University Union, and the Kennedy Library, as well as at some coffee shops in San Luis Obispo.

To request a brochure, call the Anytime ArtsLine at ext. 1421. Renewing subscribers will have priority seating in future seasons. Single-event tickets go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Dominguez Hills has new phone numbers

Cal State Dominguez Hills has a new telephone prefix. It’s changed from 516 to 243. The area code (310) and extensions are the same.
High school journalists to attend workshop

Twenty-seven top high school journalism students from throughout Central and Southern California will gather at Cal Poly for the 45th California Scholastic Press Association Workshop on Sunday, Aug. 4.

The workshop, co-sponsored by Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts and Journalism Department, continues through noon on Friday, Aug. 16.

The instructors for the 1996 CSPA/Cal Poly Workshop will include Larry Welborn, training editor for the Orange County Register; Art Aguillar, vice president/executive editor of the Wave Newspapers group, Los Angeles; and Night Editor Terry Wimmer, also of the Orange County Register.

Columnist Steve Harvey, reporters Chris Baker and Scott Harris, and features editor Janet Eastman, all of the Los Angeles Times, will also teach at the workshop.

Changes, updates to travel procedures

The chancellor’s office has changed procedures governing travel and relocation expenses:

- Reimbursement for in-state lodging is no longer subject to a $79 cap. The full amount will be reimbursed as long as an itemized hotel or motel receipt is included with the claim. Credit card receipts or statements will not be accepted. The cost of the hotel should not be excessive nor unreasonable, – and travelers are expected to use hotels offering state discounts. Departments are encouraged to monitor lodging expense reimbursement claims.
- The maximum mileage reimbursement rate has increased to 31 cents per mile.
- The maximum reimbursement for a business telephone call has been increased to $5, and it’s reimbursable without a receipt.
- The maximum parking charge reimbursable without a receipt has been increased to $10 (for a continuous parking period).

- President Baker or his designee can authorize reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the spouse of a selected job candidate who accompanies the candidate to campus during the final stages of recruiting.
- The meal allowance has not been changed.
- Updated, quick-reference travel guidelines will be sent to departments soon. For more information, call John Sullivan at ext. 1717 or Carol Johnston, ext. 5405.

Students to be surveyed during fall registration

When students call CAPTURE to register for fall quarter, they will be asked if they “have the interest and ability to participate in NCAA-sanctioned intercollegiate athletics competition,” to which they can answer “yes,” “no,” or “decline to respond.” The Institutional Studies office asks the faculty and staff to help make students aware of the survey and to let them know they will be asked this question only once during the fall registration period.

Students are being queried because the CSU CAL-NOW consent decree concerning equal opportunity for women stipulates that a biennial survey be conducted among currently enrolled and prospective students.

Bio sci student selected for pre-doctoral program

Steven Woodard, a graduate student in education and an academic advisor in Student Academic Services, has been selected by the CSU as a pre-doctoral scholar for 1996-97.

He was one of 78 CSU students chosen as a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar from more than 200 eligible applicants.

The pre-doctoral program is designed to increase the number of faculty members from groups that are underrepresented in particular disciplines.

Long-time board member to coordinate Alumni

Long-time Alumni Association board member Wes Witten of San Luis Obispo has been named interim coordinator of alumni relations. Witten is also a member of the President’s Cabinet.

Steve Shockley, alumni relations director since 1985, has been placed on special assignment with the office of the vice president for university advancement.

For questions about alumni relations projects, please call either Witten or Associate Director Ben Beesley at ext. 2586.

GrC prof Field awarded top honor

Graphic communication professor Gary Field has received a top award from the Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA).

Field received the TAGA Honors Award for 1996 for “36 years of dedicated services to the graphic arts as a craftsman, foreman, printing technologist, supervisor, university professor, and imaging scientist.”

Field was also honored for his research in color reproduction and quality optimization.

Foundation board to meet Aug. 9

The Foundation board of directors will hold a regular meeting at 9:30 am Friday, Aug. 9, in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information or a copy of the agenda, call Al Amaral, foundation executive director, at ext. 1131.

A copy of the agenda packet can be reviewed at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk (Room 114) and the Academic Senate office, Room 143 in the Mathematics and Home Economics Building.
Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly Home Page on the World Wide Web (address: http://www.calpoly.edu; click on "General Information" and "Current Events").

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line at ext. 1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: Aug. 16

#79012: Instructional Computing Consultant I, ITS-User Support Services (Unit 9), $2683-$3225/month, temporary to 6/30/97 with reappointment contingent upon funding.

#79013: Stage Technician I, Cal Poly Theatre (Unit 9), $1264.50-$1519/month, temporary, half-time to 6/30/97 with annual renewal.

#79017: Athletics Academic Advising Intern (Helper Aide), Athletics, $5.16/hour, temporary, intermittent, on-call (variable hours up to 40 per week) through 6/30/97.

#77018: Clerical Assistant III, Student Academic Services (Unit 7), $1971-$2335/month.

#77019: Department Secretary I, Liberal Studies (Unit 7), Only on-campus candidates may apply, $989-$1169/month, temporary, half-time (10 am-2 pm), to 6/30/97 with annual renewal.

#77020: Clerical Assistant III, Civil & Environmental Engineering (Unit 7), $1971-$2335/month.

#74021: Evaluator I, Academic Records, $2290-$2735/month plus negotiated salary increases.

CLOSING DATE: Aug. 23

#79016: Athletics Ticket Manager (Public Affairs Asst I), Athletics (Unit 9), $2329-$2784/month.

CLOSING DATE: Aug. 31

(Open until filled)

#70022: Director of Campaign Operations (Adm II), University Advancement. The hiring salary range for the position is $60,000 - $70,000 annually, commensurate with the background and experience of the individual selected. Direct specific inquiries regarding the position to William Boldt, vice president for university advancement, at ext. 1445.

CLOSING DATE: Sept. 20

#77023: Temporary Emergency Clerical Pool, Human Resources, Short-term appointments (30-90 days) in any department on an as-needed basis. Appointments vary in time base, classification, and length of assignment.

*Note: Preference shall be given to qualified non-academic state employees of The California State University.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

Director of College Relations, College of Engineering, $2761-$4583/month. Review of applications to begin after Aug. 16.

CLOSING DATE: Aug. 9

Principal Research Associate, Biological Sciences, Kit Fox Program, $2858-$3715/month. Assist with the kit fox conservation program at Camp Roberts National Guard Training Site outside of Paso Robles.

Assistant Cook, Campus Dining, $7.01-$9.11/hour, 10-month position.

Assistant Supervisor, Catering, Performing Arts Center concessions, $7.92-$10.29/hour, variable schedule including day, evening, and weekend work assignments as dictated by the Performing Arts Center event schedule.

Vending Route Service Person, Campus Dining, $7.01-$9.11/hour, 10-month position.

CPR goes electronic

The Cal Poly Report and several other publications produced by the Communications Office can now be viewed electronically.

Access is from Cal Poly's home page at http://www.calpoly.edu. Just click on "What's New(s)," scroll down to "Publications" and choose the publications you wish to read.

The "What's New(s)" page also provides accessibility to the new Cal Poly logo for campus users. Scroll down to "News" and click on "New Cal Poly Logo."

For more information about any of the publications or the logo, please call Communications at ext. 1511.