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Cal Poly Arts Brings Broadway Revival 'Jesus Christ Superstar' Jan. 6

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- "Jesus Christ Superstar" the ground-breaking theatrical masterpiece by legendary writing team Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, is coming to San Luis Obispo Jan. 6. And Ted Neeley – the star of the influential Norman Jewison film version of the Broadway rock musical – is reprising his pivotal role as Christ.

Cal Poly Arts presents the original rock musical as a special Center Stage event on Tuesday, January 6, at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Popular Las Vegas headliner James Delisco stars in the complex role of Judas.

The first collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, Jesus Christ Superstar is one of the world's most popular and enduring musical theatre pieces: the rock opera vision of "the greatest story ever told."

With a score featuring such notable songs as "Superstar," "Everything's Alright," and "I Don't Know How to Love Him," Jesus Christ Superstar earned five Tony Award nominations.

Set in two acts, Jesus Christ Superstar tells the story of the final seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The show dramatizes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, the unrest caused by his preaching and popularity, his betrayal by Judas, the trial before Pontius Pilate, and his ultimate crucifixion.

Director Dallett Norris (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Can-Can, South Pacific) raved:

"What could be better than having Ted Neeley, so grand in the film, on board as we delve into Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice’s brilliant musical telling of this timeless story?

"Their idea of setting this tale in terms that immediately resonate with today's audiences is revolutionary. Here we are, twenty-one centuries later, and it is oh, so clear: we need the message of this story now more than ever."

A pre-show lecture by Cal Poly Music Professor Alyson McLamore will be held in the Gallery Level Lobby of the Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from $44 to $68 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

Due to content, recommended for ages 14+.

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