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## Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble to Perform March 6

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble will perform traditional and contemporary music and dance from the Eastern Mediterranean and larger Middle East at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 6, in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center.

The ensemble will perform vocal and instrumental selections by some of the most popular composers and performers of Arab art music, including the legendary Umm Kulthum of Egypt and the eminent Fairouz of Lebanon.

The program also will feature music from the shared music culture of the larger region, including songs in Arabic, Farsi, Greek, Hebrew and Turkish, as well as folkdances directed especially for this performance by San Luis Obispo dance instructors Saundra Sarrouf and Jenna Mitchell.

The 30-member ensemble is under the direction of Music Department faculty member Kenneth S. Habib, a composer and performer who earned a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology at UC Santa Barbara, with specializations in the Middle East and American popular music.

Guest artists on the program include Wael Kakish on buzuq and Lana Khalaf on vocals, both from the Los Angeles-based Kan Zaman Ensemble. From the Los Angeles-based Alast Ensemble, Bahram Osqueezadeh will perform on santur, Sahba Motallebi on tar, and Faramarz Amiri on percussion. They will present a special set of Iranian/Persian classical music.

Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$8 for seniors and students. 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. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 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).

The concert is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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