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Cal Poly Hosts Open House Concert: 'Around the World in 80 Minutes' on April 18

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Three Cal Poly music ensembles, featuring 100 of the university's finest student musicians, will perform at this year's Open House Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

The public is invited to visit the campus for Open House and stay late to enjoy an evening of live entertainment.

The Cal Poly Symphony, University Jazz Band and Cal Poly Wind Ensemble will perform in the concert, "Around the World in 80 Minutes." Wind Ensemble Director William Johnson says, "It took 80 days in Jules Verne's book, but after an exciting day at Cal Poly's Open House, we will take you on a musical journey around that world in 80 minutes (approximately!)."

The Cal Poly Symphony, conducted by David Arrivé, will make the first stop on the world tour by playing music of Latin America: Piazzolla's "Tres Movimientos Tanguisticos Porteños" (mvt. 2) and Marquez' "Conga del Fuego Nuevo."

The University Jazz Band, directed by Paul Rinzler, will take the audience to Ethiopia with "Amlak Abet Abet," an Ethiopian pop tune from the 1970s, rearranged by innovative big band The Either/Orchestra. The Jazz Band will also visit several South American locations for some of the best jazz by composers indigenous to that continent.

The Wind Ensemble will tour Russia with excerpts of Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italian," Shostakovich's "Festive Overture" and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade." Then the Wind Ensemble will make a stop in Brazil for a brilliant, five-minute finale conducted by Dario Sotelo from São Paulo, Brazil.

Tickets to the Open House Concert range from \$8 to \$19 and can be purchased 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); 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. Ample parking will be available.

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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