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Cal Poly Students Need Help to Perform at the Walt Disney Concert Hall

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Music Department has launched a campaign to raise $31,000 needed to send its 60-member Wind Ensemble to participate in the 2010 Los Angeles International Music Festival next summer. The Cal Poly Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at several 2010 festival events, including an appearance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

The Wind Ensemble was chosen to serve as the festival's Showcase Ensemble and is scheduled to perform as part of the closing ceremonies in the Disney Concert Hall the evening of June 22, 2010. The ensemble has been invited to perform at several other L.A. International Music Festival events around the city and Orange County June 19-22, 2010

In order to send the students to the concert, Cal Poly's Music Department needs to raise a little over $31,000 in the coming months. The cost per student is $521, and so the Music Department needs to raise a total of $31,260 for the group.

Donate online anytime and find more details at: http://windorchestra.calpoly.edu.

Donations may also be sent directly to the Music Department. Checks should be made payable to Cal Poly. Mail donations to: Music Department - Wind Ensemble, Cal Poly, 1 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0326.

In addition to the performance at the Disney Concert Hall June 22, the ensemble has been invited to perform at three other festival concerts in June 2010: The "Spring Concert" will be held Saturday, June 5, 2010 in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center; a "Home Concert" Friday evening, June 18, 2010, in a San Luis Obispo venue to be announced; and an "Orange County Concert" on Sunday afternoon, June 20. Donations will be accepted at all three concerts.

The public can purchase tickets to the 2010 Walt Disney Concert Hall performance for $20. Information for tickets and details of all three concerts will be posted on the Wind Ensemble and Music Department web pages as it becomes available.

Guest soloists are scheduled to perform with the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble at all of the related concerts. They include pianist W. Terrence Spiller, organist Paul Woodring, and Cal Poly alumnus, percussionist John Astaire. Cal Poly alumna Anna Binneweg, associate conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., and conductor for Chicago's OperaModa will guest conduct, as will Lawrence Sutherland, the festival's artistic director. Among the works the group will perform will be a new composition for wind ensemble and organ by Cal Poly professor Meredith Brammeier.

The Cal Poly Wind Ensemble has performed in major concert halls throughout the world. In 2000, the group performed in the Sydney Opera House and the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington, New Zealand. In 2003, the ensemble made its debut in Carnegie Hall and in 2006, it performed in the Smetana Hall in Prague.

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