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Political Satire Comes to Campus Sept. 28 with The Capitol Steps

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA -- Cal Poly Arts presents the back-by-popular-demand engagement of The Capitol Steps -- the only group in America that attempts to be funnier than the Congress. Indeed, “The Capitol Steps make it easier to leave public life,” said former president George Bush, Sr., has said.

At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, The Capitol Steps will make it easier to leave your home and head to the Christopher Cohan Center.

According to the Wall Street Journal, “The troupe has become a favorite on the Washington social circuit. Its political satire brings chuckles...rave reviews...guffaws...and bipartisan grins all around. The satire hits the mark.”

“The best musical satire on Washington I’ve ever seen!” claims The Washington Times. Larry King of CNN agrees: “They’re the best. There’s no one like them, no one in their league.”

Returning to SLO in time for the elections, The Capitol Steps is a troupe of current and former Congressional staffers who monitor events and personalities on Capitol Hill, in the Oval Office, and in other centers of power and prestige around the world.

The group is known for then taking a humorous look at serious issues while providing a nationwide laugh for millions.

The Cal Poly Arts evening will feature musical satire and skits from Capitol Steps' latest release, “Papa’s Got a Brand New Baghdad,” with numbers such as "You’re So Vague," "Cheney and the Jets," "Iraq Around the Clock," "Sheik to Sheik," "The Angina Monologues," and "Send in the Clones."

There will be topical, comical discussion on the scandals of the day, with special appearances by George Bush I and II and Saddam Hussein and equal time for John Kerry, Howard Dean, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.
The Capitol Steps began their comedy routines in 1981 at a Christmas party in the office of former Senator Charles Percy. Like most things in Congress, they never knew when to stop.

In addition to continual tours throughout the country, The Capitol Steps perform every Friday and Saturday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

Over the past twenty years, the Capitol Steps have recorded twenty-four albums, appeared on "Good Morning, America," "The Today Show," "20/20," "Entertainment Tonight," "Nightline," CNN’s "Inside Politics," and dozens of times on National Public Radio’s "All Things Considered."

For the past fifteen years, the group has produced quarterly specials for public radio and have been featured in three national specials for public television. They have performed for five U.S. presidents.

Tickets for the performance range from $26 - $38, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts 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. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org.

Sponsored by Barbara Bailey, Coleen and Ray Mattison, and KCBX 90.1 FM.

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