FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

University of Michigan Men's Glee Club, Cal Poly's PolyPhonics To Perform April 30

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The award-winning University of Michigan Men's Glee Club and Cal Poly's PolyPhonics will perform in concert at 8 p.m. April 30 in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

"This is a rare and exciting musical event," said Cal Poly Music Professor and director of PolyPhonics Thomas Davies. "The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is the second-oldest collegiate chorus in the United States and one of the finest male choruses in the world. Both groups will present their unique sounds and showmanship."

The concert program will feature musical selections from many different styles and periods, such as Renaissance motets, romantic anthems, opera choruses, spirituals and college songs.

The Friars, an octet within the glee club, will also perform several tunes that display its original choreography and distinctive brand of humor, according to Davies.

Since its founding in 1859, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club has represented the university on campus, across the United States and abroad. The glee club has won four first-place victories at the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales, and in 1967 it circled the globe in celebration of the university's sesquicentennial year.

PolyPhonics, Cal Poly's premier 42-member chamber ensemble, performs a range of musical works, from Renaissance to contemporary. The ensemble tours every year, and over spring break this year performed throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois. The group also performs frequently with local instrumental ensembles.

Members of both PolyPhonics and the University of Michigan Men's Glee
Club are selected by audition and represent a cross section of all academic programs at each campus. The vast majority of the members are not music majors.

"It all adds up to an evening of quality musical entertainment that you will not want to miss," Davies said.

Tickets are $10 to $15 and are available at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon- 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order tickets by phone, call 756-ARTS (756-2787).

This event is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. Contact the Music Department for more information at 756-2406.

- 30 -