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University Jazz Bands' Just Jazz Concert To Showcase World Beat Big Band Theme

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands will be going international this year with a "World Beat Big Band" for their annual Just Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

The University Jazz Bands #1 and #2, the Cal Poly Jazz Combo and Cal Poly Vocal Jazz will perform a variety of world music, including Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Calypso, Ethiopian, flamenco, and high life, a style that originated in West Africa with a strong, syncopated beat.

The featured guest performer with University Jazz Band #1 will be trumpeter Mike Vax. "Jazz Now" magazine said, "Mike Vax's solo on 'Vax Attacks' . . . was one of the magic moments when the atmosphere crackled and everyone looked at each other as if to say, 'Where'd this guy come from? Is he for real?'"

Vax will be presenting a free jazz clinic at 1:30 p.m. the day of the concert in Room 216 of the Davidson Music Center on campus.

University Jazz Band #1 is directed by Paul Rinzler, the Music Department's director of jazz studies; University Jazz Band #2 is directed by William Johnson, director of bands; and Cal Poly Vocal Jazz is directed by Thomas Davies, director of the choral program.

Tickets to the concert are $5- to $15 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets can also be bought by calling 756-2787 or going online to http://www.pacslo.org.

The concert is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program.

For more information, contact the Music Department at 756-2406.
(NOTE TO EDITORS: An electronic image of Mike Vax is attached.)

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