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Cal Poly Music Department Announces 2009-2010 Season Events

The Cal Poly Music Department's 2009-2010 season, which kicks off with a choir concert on Saturday, Oct. 24, has something for everyone, including discounts for those who purchase tickets to multiple events. In addition to ticketed events, more than a dozen free recitals are scheduled.

The following are fall quarter ticketed events which take place in venues in the Performing Arts Center (times and location listed with each event):

- **Saturday, Oct. 24: Choirs' Debut Concert: "Sounds of Autumn"**

The 2009-10 choirs will perform masterpieces based on poems for the season of autumn, featuring works by Johannes Brahms, Samuel Barber, Stephen Chatman and Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel.

  - 8 p.m. in Harman Hall

- **Saturday, Nov. 21: Bandfest '09!: "A Whirlwind of Color and Sound"**

Cal Poly's Wind Bands (Wind Ensemble and Wind Orchestra) will showcase the diverse styles and brilliant colors of the modern wind band. The Pride of the Pacific Mustang Marching Band will perform arrangements of works from its halftime shows.

  - 8 p.m. in Harman Hall

- **Sunday, Nov. 22: Symphony Fall Concert: "Music for a New World"**

The symphony's season traces the emergence of a unique, American voice in orchestral music. "Music for a New World" starts that exploration with Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World." It was completed in 1893 as a musical challenge to American composers to create a uniquely American sound. Dvořák's Slavonic Dance No. 1 and Serenade in D Minor, Op. 44 will also be performed.

  - 3 p.m. in Harman Hall

- **Friday, Dec. 4: Fall Jazz Concert**

The University Jazz Bands and Cal Poly Jazz Combos will present an eclectic mix of jazz standards and modern compositions.

  - 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre

- **Saturday, Dec. 5: Choirs' "A Christmas Celebration: Of Voices, Pipes and Brass!"**

Campus organist Paul Woodring will be featured on the Forbes Pipe Organ along with the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble. PolyPhonics, The University Singers, The Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble and Barbershop Quartets will present a repertoire to put you in the holiday mood. There will be an audience carol sing-a-long as well.

  - 8 p.m. in Harman Hall

Later in the year, the Music Department will offer performances from the Arab Music Ensemble, faculty recitalists and swing dance concerts. Free student vocal, piano and instrumental recitals are scheduled throughout the year. The season will culminate with the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble performing in the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. There will be a preview performance at Cal Poly on June 5.

Tickets 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 (805-756-2787). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four events; a 15 percent discount for five or more events. All events are sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department and the College of Liberal Arts. Several are co-sponsored by the Instructionally Related Activities program.

For more information, including ticket prices and a complete list of events for the 2009-2010 season, go to the online calendar at http://music.calpoly.edu/calendar, e-mail music@calpoly.edu, or call 805-756-2406.

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