'Tis the Season... And the Tradition.
Cal Poly Choirs Annual Show “A Christmas Celebration” Dec. 5

SAN LUIS OBISPO - The Cal Poly Choirs present their annual holiday show "A Christmas Celebration" on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall of Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Titled "Of Voices, Pipes and Brass!" the concert will present a variety of music to ignite the holiday season, including performances by all of the Cal Poly vocal ensembles. University organist Paul Wooding will be featured on the Forbes Pipe Organ, and the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble will perform.

PolyPhonics will perform English carols, including "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" arranged by Cal Poly Professor Meredith Brammeier and the classic Mexican carol “El Rorro.”

The University Singers will perform three works, all written by American composers, including David N. Johnson's work "A New Christmas Carol."

With more than 100 singers combined, PolyPhonics and The University Singers will join together to perform works by Eric Whitacre and Giovanni Gabrieli, as well as the haunting medieval hymn "Personent Hodie."

Cal Poly Brass will dazzle the audience with performances of two great works by Johann Sebastian Bach.

In addition to the large choirs, smaller groups including the Early Music Ensemble, Men and Women in
Barbershop, and Take It SLO will create a cameo of holiday treats.

The audience will have the opportunity to join in a carol sing-a-long.

The evening culminates in the traditional singing of Malcolm Sargent's arrangement of "Silent Night."

Tickets are $10 for students, $16 and $19 for seniors, $17 and $20 for general admission and are on sale 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). Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The holiday concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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