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Cal Poly Music Department Event Season Starts Sept. 25

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly Music Department’s new event season, titled “2010-11: A Season Event Odyssey!” starts with Jacalyn Kreitzer, Brynn Albanese and Susan Azaret Davies in a faculty recital Saturday, Sept. 25.

There’s something for everybody—a delightful mix of musical ensembles, styles and works—all performed by inspired students, passionate faculty and exciting guest artists. Discounts are offered to those who purchase tickets to multiple events. There are also more than a dozen free recitals scheduled.

The following are fall quarter ticketed events that take place in venues in the Performing Arts Center:

September

- Jacalyn Kreitzer, mezzo-soprano; Brynn Albanese, violin; Susan Azaret Davies, piano
  - Saturday, Sept. 25
  - 8 p.m., Spanos Theatre

October

- Parents Weekend Ensemble Showcase
  - Friday, Oct. 22
  - 8 p.m., Cohan Center
    - Season Debut Performances by our Major Performing Ensembles:
      - Choirs: PolyPhonics and The University Singers - Thomas Davies, conductor
      - Arab Music Ensemble - Ken Habib, conductor
      - Symphony - David Arrivée, conductor
      - University Jazz Band I - Paul Rinzler, conductor
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Wind Ensemble - Andrew McMahan, Christopher Woodruff, conductors
Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller will emcee this extravaganza!

November

- Bandfest 2010!: “Garden of Dreams”
  - Saturday, Nov. 20
  - 8 p.m., Cohan Center
  - The school that was to become Cal Poly held its first classes Sept. 30, 1903. From that time on, San Luis Obispo has been a place where dreams are discovered and fulfilled. Join us as we celebrate these dreams and aspirations through dazzling performances by the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Mustang Band.

- Cal Poly Symphony Fall Concert: “All Roads Lead to Bach”
  - Sunday, Nov. 21
  - 3 p.m., Cohan Center
  - All roads lead back to Johann Sebastian Bach, or at least they do in this concert! We open with music from the animated film “Fantasia” – Bach’s “Toccata and Fugue in D Minor.” The Symphony will then be joined by Paul Severtson, co-concertmaster of the San Luis Obispo Symphony, and Brynn Albanese, violinist in Café Musique and in several of the nation’s top orchestras, in a performance of the “Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor.”

December

- Fall Jazz Concert
  - Friday, Dec. 3
  - 8 p.m., Spanos Theatre
  - This concert will feature an eclectic mix of jazz standards and modern compositions and will be performed by the University Jazz Bands No. 1 and No. 2 and the Cal Poly Jazz Combos.

- Choirs “A Christmas Celebration” Concert
  - Saturday, Dec. 4
  - 8 p.m., Cohan Center
  - Join us for an evening of some of the season’s most beautiful music! Performers include: PolyPhonics, The University Singers, Early Music Ensemble, and Cal Poly Brass Ensemble (special guests conducted by Christopher Woodruff)

In 2011, the Music Department will offer performances from the Arab Music Ensemble, Opera Workshop and faculty recitalists. Free student vocal, piano and instrumental recitals are scheduled throughout the year. One of the concluding season highlights will be when pianist Robert Thies spends a week-long residency at Cal Poly which will include two performances (one with the Cal Poly Symphony).

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 if offered 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 2010-11 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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