San Luis Obispo – The Fort Worth Star Telegram declared: “There’s more gratifying sound than that of children singing. And there’s no more polished ensemble of children’s voices than the Vienna Boys Choir.”

On Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center’s Cohan Center, Cal Poly Arts presents The Vienna Boys Choir in a stirring evening of classical and contemporary music.

The extensive program will feature music from world masters such as Schubert, Brahms, and Bach to rock legends like Michael Jackson and Lionel Ritchie.

Comprised of singers between the ages of 10 and 14, the Choir’s angelic a cappella vocals and harmonic tones have served as an international musical touchstone in concert halls around the globe.

“(The) purity and lung power, childlike simplicity, and mature command of breath control and phrasing is what this ensemble is all about...” (The Washington Post)

Founded by Emperor Maximilian I in 1498, no group of child musicians has won more renown. Six centuries later, the famed Vienna Boys Choir continues to delight music lovers with their pure tone, distinctive charm, and a diverse, crowd-pleasing repertoire that encompasses Austrian folk songs and waltzes, classical masterpieces, beloved pop songs, holiday favorites, and medieval chant.
Gifted musicians with voices of unforgettable beauty, the current touring company carries on the Vienna Boys Choir’s illustrious tradition as the world’s pre-eminent boy choir, performing over 80 world-wide concerts annually. With its vast repertoire, a Vienna Boys Choir performance is never just a concert for classical aficionados – it’s a musical event that draws audiences from all walks of life, with a broad appeal for all ages.

Patrons are invited to attend a free pre-concert lecture presented by Music Dept. Faculty Member Alyson McLamore at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from $16 to $42 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

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