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Cal Poly Open House Concert 'Hooray for Polywood!' Set for April 16

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Three Cal Poly music ensembles, featuring more than 100 of the university's finest student musicians, will perform at this year's Open House Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

The Cal Poly Symphony, University Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble will perform a concert titled "Hooray for Polywood!" in keeping with the theme of this year's Open House. The show will feature music written for the movies, inspired by film or connected to film through history.

The Cal Poly Symphony, conducted by David Arrivé, will perform some of the best movie music of the 20th century. Details of the repertoire will be revealed through an in-concert audience quiz, so bring your knowledge of movie trivia.

The University Jazz Band, directed by Paul Rinzler, will perform three selections from Hollywood and the movies. "With Plenty of Money" comes from the Busby Berkeley's "Gold Diggers of 1933." "Makin' Whoopee" appears in singer Eddie Cantor's film "Whoopee" in 1930. And the Cherry Poppin' Daddies' "Zoot Suit Riot" is a seminal recording from the swing dance revival of the late 1990s.

The Wind Ensemble, conducted by Andrew McMahan and Christopher J. Woodruff, will perform selected movements from the "Star Wars" films as written by John Williams and transcribed for wind band by great American bandmaster Donald Hunsberger. In addition, there will be a performance of Aaron Copland's popular work for brass and percussion, "Fanfare for the Common Man," plus the Led Zeppelin- and Jimi Hendrix- inspired work for clarinet and wind band, "Black Dog." Clarinet soloist will be Brian Hermanson, Cal Poly clarinet instructor and executive director of the San Luis Obispo Symphony. The ensemble will also perform an excerpt from Karel Husa's 20th century masterpiece for band, "Music for Prague 1968."

The public is invited to visit the campus for Open House and stay late to enjoy an evening of live entertainment. Tickets are \$16 and \$19 for the public, \$13 and \$15 for seniors, and \$8 and \$11 students. They 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, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787). Discounts are given to patrons who buy tickets to four or more Music Department season events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406 or go to <http://music.calpoly.edu>.

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