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Cal Poly Student Musicians To Perform with Kindergarteners at North County Elementary School

Two Cal Poly music majors will lead a recital of favorite children's songs with kindergarten students at the Georgia Brown Elementary School 11:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m. May 23 in Paso Robles.

Soprano Marisa Gray and guitarist Morty Fernández-López will perform with approximately 80 five- and six-year-olds in the elementary school's library.

"We are giving this recital to continue an ongoing project in which a collection of traditional children's songs have been adapted, arranged and recorded as an integral part of both the Science-Social Studies and the English Language Development (ELD) curricula of the Paso Robles School District's kindergarten curriculum," said Jesús Saiz-Huedo, a part-time guitar instructor at Cal Poly. "At this assembly, the kindergarten students will have the opportunity to perform their classroom songs with accomplished music students from Cal Poly."

For the project, which began in fall 2000, a collection of 47 traditional children's songs were selected, adapted and recorded to become part of the ELD program. Teacher specialist Nicole Delbare and district music specialist Saiz-Huedo arranged the lyrics and music to provide recordings and sheet music for the classrooms.

The recital is part of a continuing collaboration between the Cal Poly Music Department and the Paso Robles School District. The partnership was made possible by Saiz-Huedo, whose project "Literacy Through Music" was awarded a PG&E Education Fund grant in 2000.

The Georgia Brown Elementary School Library is located at 525 36th St., Paso Robles. For more information, contact Saiz-Huedo at jsai@tcsn.net or Barbara Iunker at Georgia Brown Elementary School at 237-3387.
(NOTE TO EDITORS: The event should provide excellent photo and interview opportunities. If you would like a jpg image e-mailed to you, please contact Jo Ann Lloyd at 756-1511 or jllloyd@calpoly.edu.)