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Vocalist Storm Large to Perform With Pink Martini at the PAC

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – The wildly popular “pop exotica” band, PINK MARTINI, is a Central Coast favorite. Cal Poly Arts just announced that vocalist Storm Large will be joining the group for their eagerly-awaited return engagement at the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

She will be replacing Pink Martini’s China Forbes, who is recovering from vocal surgery. Storm Large made her debut with Pink Martini in April 2011 for four sold-out concerts with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. She also traveled with Pink Martini during the band’s first tour of Brazil in May.

“I have adored the fabulous Storm Large ever since she moved to Portland a decade ago, and I always hoped we could find a way to collaborate,” says bandleader/pianist Thomas Lauderdale.

“She is a brilliant, beautiful, charismatic and seductive star who would give Jayne Mansfield a run for her money. While we are disappointed that China is unable to perform with us, I am delighted be able to introduce Storm Large to new audiences.”

The Pink Martini sound is a musical cocktail of genres. Lauderdale elaborates: “We’re a bit like musical archeologists, digging through recordings and scores of years past and rediscovering beautiful songs...Pink Martini is a rollicking around-the-world musical adventure ... if the United Nations had a house band in 1962, hopefully we’d be that band.”

Pink Martini’s debut album *Sympathique* was released in 1997 and the group quickly became an international phenomenon. That release was followed by *Hang on Little Tomato* in 2004 and *Hey Eugene* in 2007. All three albums have sold more than 2 million copies worldwide. In 2009, Pink Martini released a live concert DVD, entitled *Discover The World*.

Comprised of twelve musicians, Pink Martini performs its multilingual repertoire on concert stages and with symphony orchestras throughout Europe, Asia, Greece, Turkey, the Middle East, Northern Africa, Australia, New Zealand and North America. In 1998, Pink Martini made its European debut at the Cannes Film Festival and its orchestral debut with the Oregon Symphony. Since then, the band has gone on to play with over 25 orchestras around the world, including multiple engagements with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the Boston Pops, and the BBC Concert Orchestra in London.

Other appearances include the grand opening of the Los Angeles Philharmonic’s Walt Disney Concert Hall, with return sold-out engagements for New Year’s Eve 2003, 2004 & 2008; two sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall; the opening party of the remodeled

Museum of Modern Art in NYC; the Governor's Ball at the 80th Annual Academy Awards in 2008; and the opening of the 2008 Sydney Festival in Australia.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from \$24 to \$76 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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