Cal Poly Choirs Offer ‘A Christmas Celebration’ Dec. 3

SAN LUIS OBISPO – PolyPhonics, The University Singers and the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble will bring the holiday spirit to Cal Poly at “A Christmas Celebration – A Jubilee for Choir, Brass and Organ” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center.

PolyPhonics selections include “Lux Arumque” by Eric Whitacre, “There Is No Rose” by Craig Kingsbury, and “Magnificat” by Halsey Stevens. Soloists include computer engineering major Andrew Lehmer on trumpet and university organist Paul Woodring.

The University Singers will open its set with Hans Leo Hassler’s “Verbum caro factum est” (The Word was Made Flesh), followed by “Praise and Elation” by Thomas More Scott, “Ose Shalom” (The One Who Makes Peace) by John Leavitt, and “Christ the Appletree” by Stanford Scriven.

The choirs will combine to perform “Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King” (based on “Go Tell it on the Mountain”) arranged by Moses Hogan and “Shepherd, Shake off Your Drowsy Sleep!” for mixed chorus and brass octet, arranged by Cal Poly Music Professor Meredith Brammeier.

The Cal Poly Brass Ensemble, conducted by Christopher J. Woodruff, will present Morten Lauridsen’s adaptation of his choral masterpiece, “O magnum mysterium.”

The Early Music Ensemble and Take It SLO will perform “Christmas Cameos” before the final carol sing-a-long and the traditional program closing number, “Silent Night.”

The choirs are conducted by Thomas Davies. Susan Azaret Davies and Paul Woodring are the accompanists for the choirs.

Tickets are $10 for students, $16 and $19 for seniors or $17 and $20 for general admission and are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787).

Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The holiday concert is sponsored by Cal Poly’s Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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