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St. Olaf Band to Perform at Cal Poly Jan. 31

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The St. Olaf Band, called “one of America’s preeminent bands” by The New Yorker, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center at Cal Poly, as part of its 2012 national tour.

The program will feature “Rest,” a new band setting of a choral piece by Frank Ticheli, Sinfonia in B flat minor by Amilcare Ponchielli, “Limerick Dreams” by Nathan Daughtrey, and a movement from David Maslanka’s new Symphony No. 9.

Also included will be a composition by St. Olaf Band conductor Timothy Mahr, “Passages,” and the premiere of a new work, “Windmills,” by young composer and current St. Olaf Band member Eric Choate. The concert will also feature a performance by the San Luis Obispo High School Honor Band.

Founded in 1891, the St. Olaf Band is an ensemble noted for superb musicianship. It is the oldest music organization at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., a campus internationally known for its high caliber of musical ensembles. The band has toured nationally since 1904 and internationally since 1906 when they performed a four-week, 30-concert tour of Norway, making it the first American collegiate band to tour Europe. The band has subsequently toured several times in Norway, Great Britain and central Europe.

The band performed for King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway when they visited the campus in October last year.

Conductor Mahr is a professor of music at St. Olaf College and is a nationally recognized composer with more than 60 works to his credit. Mahr has guest-conducted a number of professional and award-winning ensembles, including the United States Air Force Band and the United States Army Field Band, as well as intercollegiate and all-state bands in more than 25 states. He is the principal conductor of the Minnesota Symphonic Winds, a featured ensemble at the 2008 Midwest Clinic, the largest international band conference in the world.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly’s Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and seniors. Group rates for 10 people and more are available. Tickets are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787).

Watch a video of the St. Olaf Band at www.stolaf.edu/music/stolaf_band.

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