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Six Guitarists From Four Countries Play Dozens of Strings In Concert

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA— On Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 8 pm in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre, Cal Poly Arts proudly presents a unique evening of guitar mastery when the CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO and the MONTREAL GUITAR TRIO create a six-by-six-string “phenomenon-ensemble” on stage.

Featuring guitar virtuosos from Japan, Canada, Belgium, and America, the collaborative showcase explores intricate original compositions as well as new arrangements of progressive rock, jazz, world, and classical music.

CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: Their performances astounding and diversity unparalleled, these three revered musicians are not actually natives of the “Golden State.” CGT’s Bert Lams is from Belgium, Hideyo Moriya from Japan, and Paul Richards from Utah. Together, their technical wizardry is breathtaking, as is the wide range of instrumental music the group delivers — everything from unique originals to dazzling, cleverly-arranged interpretations of jazz, classical music, and even surf rock, as heard on their thirteenth release, Andromeda.

MONTREAL GUITAR TRIO: Described as “the hottest guitar ensemble in Canada”, MG3 has quickly established itself as a force of rejuvenation and cross-pollenization between various musical forms. Marrying passionate virtuosity with a stealthy sense of humor, guitarists Glenn Lévesque, Marc Morin and Sébastien Dufour create eclectic, energetic music, taking listeners on a journey through the world’s many cultures — from the mysterious, exotic melodies of India to the hot rhythms of South America, to Spain, the Balkans, the Orient, traditional Quebec and even Hollywood.

A pre-concert lecture will be led by Craig Russell, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Philips Recital Hall.

Student and adult tickets for the performance are $30 and $38 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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