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Jazz Prodigy to Perform at Cal Poly Jazz Night May 30

SAN LUIS OBISPO – One of jazz's brightest young stars will showcase the new generation's approach to jazz at Cal Poly's Jazz Night concert at 8 p.m. Friday, May 30, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Pianist Taylor Eigsti will perform with both Cal Poly's University Jazz Band #1 and the Cal Poly Jazz Combo. University Jazz Band #2 and another jazz combo will also be performing in concert.

Twenty-three-year-old Eigsti, who has received two Grammy Award nominations, began his professional career when he was just eight. At 13, he opened for Dave Brubeck. His breakout recording "Lucky to Be Me" was in the top 15 most-played jazz albums on radio during 2006.

His music is a combination of straight-ahead jazz and very refreshing new directions, said Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly and director of the University Jazz Bands. According to allmusic.com, "His style is enthusiastic, straightforward, and swinging, with elements of stride, bop, soul and funk."

Tickets to the Jazz Night concert are \$6 and \$10 students, \$10 and \$13 seniors and Jazz Federation members, and \$12 and \$15 general. They can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO- ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax, dial 756-6088; to order on the Web, go to www.pacslo.org.

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 concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406 or go online to <http://music.calpoly.edu>.

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