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State's Best High School Musicians to Perform at Cal Poly April 20

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Performances by the All-State Festival Wind Orchestra, the Festival Symphony Orchestra, and Festival Jazz Band will help conclude Cal Poly's Open House festivities at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 20, in the Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall. The Festival's Solo Competition winner will also perform with pianist Susan Azaret Davies as accompanist.

The All-State Festival Concert features over 130 of California's top high school musicians. The event brings some of California's finest young musicians to campus.

The Festival Wind Orchestra will perform a contemporary work by Hungarian composer Frigyes Hidas based on the Shakespearean tragedy "Coriolanus." The group will also perform Hidas's "Capriccio."

The Festival Symphony Orchestra will perform "Jupiter" from Holst's "The Planets," and Aaron Copland's "El Salon Mexico." The Festival Jazz Band will perform "Blues for a Purpose" and "Step-Down;" the hot Latin/ Salsa jazz piece "Sesos de Huesos;" and the contemporary "Renegade."

The Festival Wind Orchestra will be under the direction of Hungarian-born Laszlo Marosi, who has conducted the Hungarian Central Army Orchestra, Budapest Symphonic Band, and the Liszt Academy Wind Orchestra.

Julian Wachner, considered one of today's most talented conductors and composers, will conduct the Festival Symphony Orchestra. Guitarist Bruce Forman will conduct the Festival Jazz Band. Forman has been an important part of the international jazz scene for more than two decades. His guitar work is featured in the Academy Award-winning film "Million Dollar Baby."

Tickets to the Open House Concert are \$8 to \$19 and 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. 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.

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