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Cal Poly Choirs to Perform 'Something Old, Something New' March 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Choirs will present their annual Winter Concert featuring a world premiere and special guests at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 1, in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Music Professor Thomas Davies will conduct the 45-member PolyPhonics and the 70-voice The University Singers in works by American composers David Childs and Eric Whitacre, as well as works by J. S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn. Student assistant conductor Richard Carrick will lead works by Jan Sweelinck and Thomas Morley.

"Recordare," by Barata will receive its world premiere by The University Singers with Music Department staff accompanist Paul Woodring playing the Forbes Pipe Organ. Staff members Susan Azaret Davies, piano, and Brynn Albanese, violin, will also accompany the choirs.

The Cuesta College Chamber Singers will present works by Aaron Copland, James Erb, Eric Whitacre, Francisco Guerrero, and the traditional spiritual "I've Been in the Storm So Long." The Cuesta ensemble will join PolyPhonics in Trond Kverno's "Ave Maris Stella," and all three choirs will perform the spirituals "Wade in the Water," arranged by Allen Koepke, and "Witness," arranged by Jack Halloran.

Knutson, director of choral studies at Cuesta College is also a member of the professional vocal jazz ensemble Vocalogy, formed by Phil Mattson in 1998. Before moving to California, Knutson taught at Treasure Valley Community College in Oregon and at Southwestern Community College in Iowa.

Tickets cost \$8 to \$15 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). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

The 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 756-2406.

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