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Cal Poly Arts Brings Touring 'Tosca' To Town Feb. 12

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Teatro Lirico D'Europa, one of Europe's most popular international touring opera companies, has mounted a new full-stage production of Giacomo Puccini's haunting tragedy, TOSCA.

Cal Poly Arts presents the Company's return engagement on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

Tosca is a tragic story of overwhelming passion amidst the perils of war. Set in Rome at the time of Napoleon's advance on the city, the sweeping opera tells of faith, jealousy, and ultimate evil with a

The romantic tale of love, lust, deceit, and murder is performed by a seasoned cast of international principals and a talented chorus, backed by a full orchestra.

Tosca is sung in Italian, with English supertitles.

Teatro Lirico D'Europa was formed in 1988 by Giorgio Lalov, a former Bulgarian opera singer. Since then, the Company has completed over 3,000 performances worldwide and seven seasons of major U.S. tours, covering over 400 performances.

Teatro Lirico D'Europa now embarks on its eighth consecutive season of American tours with over 80 performances of several different full-scale operas.

Soloists for Teatro Lirico D'Europa productions are chosen from the rosters of major opera houses around the world, including those in Moscow, Sofia, New York, St. Petersburg, Bratislava, Prague, Vilnius, and Kiev.

A pre-show lecture by Cal Poly Music Dept. professor Jacalyn Kreitzer will be held at 7 p.m. in the Gallery Level lobby of the Performing Arts Center.

General public tickets for the performance range from \$42 to \$54, with student discounts available on all seats, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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