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Flat Stanley Coming to Cal Poly as Part of Family Series

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Flat Stanley beloved book series by author Jeff Brown and illustrator Scott Nash has charmed young readers around the globe.

On Tuesday, January 29, 2008 with a special early 7 p.m. curtain, Cal Poly Arts presents the touring production of "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley" in the Cohan Center.

This rollicking full-stage musical is ideal for pre-K through ages 5+ and is part of Cal Poly Arts' popular, affordable Family Event series.

The original, lively stage show stars Stanley Lambchop -- a normal, everyday, run-of-the-mill kid. One morning, Stanley wakes up flat! Not just flat...Really flat. Slide-under-a-door flat.

Within some magical musical moments, Stanley decides to put himself in a big envelope and travel the world -- as a human letter! And so his adventure begins.

In a whirlwind musical travelogue, Stanley -- the ultimate pen pal -- scours the globe for a solution to his unusual problem. He's stamped, posted and canceled from South Africa to Mexico, from Russia to England to China, and beyond.

And wherever Stanley goes, he meets new friends, learns about different cultures through song and dance, and closes in on his goal of being a three-dimensional boy once more. "The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley" will be fun for the whole family.

In addition to having inspired the creation of a stage musical about Flat Stanley, the power of Stanley's popularity has extended to many different avenues.

The national Flat Stanley Project (www.flatstanley.com) is a group of teachers who want to provide students with a meaningful reason to write.

Students make paper Flat Stanleys and begin a journal with him for a few days. Then Flat Stanley and the journal are sent to another school where students there treat Flat Stanley as a guest and complete the journal. Flat Stanley and the journal are then returned to the original sender.

Students can plot his travels on maps and share the contents of the journal. Often, a Flat Stanley returns with a pin or postcard from his visit. Especially creative hosts send the Flat Stanleys back with pictures, souvenirs, stories and reminders of the visit.

More information on how to participate in this global writing exercise can be found at the Project's website, www.flatstanley.com.

All general and student tickets for the performance are \$18/\$14 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.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org. For more information on all Cal Poly Arts events, including audio and video samples, please visit www.calpolyarts.org.

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