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Annual Bandfest Concert to Feature the Sounds, Rhythms of Latin Music Nov. 15

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- More than two hundred collegiate musicians will bring the fascinating rhythms of Spain, Cuba and Central and South America to Cal Poly at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

The annual Bandfest concert features the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and the Pride of the Pacific Mustang Marching Band in an evening of musical pageantry titled "Mi Alma Latina" ("My Latin Soul").

The combined forces of the Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble will perform the West Coast premiere of Robert W. Smith's Symphony No. 3, "Don Quixote," a major work for large wind band based the novel written by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra. The composer is planning to be present for the premiere.

Other highlights will include Alberto Ginastera's "Danza Finale," Alfred Reed's "El Camino Real," Donald Grantham's "Baron Cimetère's Mambo," Stephen Melillo's "Cuba," John Mackey's "Red Line Tango" and John Texidor's "Amparita Roca."

The 120-member Mustang Marching Band, conducted by head drum major Justin Paulson and assistant drum major Jeffrey Brown, will present a stage version of some of its half-time shows, including excerpts from the band's Beatles show, Latin show, dance show and Halloween show.

Cal Poly Director of Bands William Johnson and Associate Director of Bands Christopher Woodruff will conduct the Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble.

Bandfest is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities program. Tickets are \$8 to \$19 and are on sale 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). Discounts are given to patrons who buy tickets to four or more Music Department events for 2008-2009

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