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Performing Arts Center Celebrates 10 Years with 10 Events

10th Anniversary Festival Scheduled Sept. 23-Oct. 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Performing Arts Center will celebrate its 10 year anniversary with a Festival that begins Saturday, Sept. 23 and continues through Sunday, Oct. 1.

Over the course of the festival the Performing Arts Center will play host to 10 events that include major Broadway, dance, and music acts, as well as a youth matinee, comedy, and a gala black tie dinner.

Scheduled Events Include:

Saturday, September 23, 8 p.m., An Evening with Betty Buckley and Orchestra

Considered one of the most original vocalists on Broadway, Betty Buckley opens the Anniversary Festival with a Broadway/pops concert honoring the PAC's 10th year, the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center's 20th, and the City of SLO's 150th birthdays.

Sunday, September 24, 8 p.m., Bo Diddley & Friends Blues Concert

"Rolling Stone Magazine" named Bo Diddley one of its Immortals – "The 50 Greatest Artists of All-Time." A true blues pioneer, Grammy-winner and original Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, he brings his signature Chicago blues and "Bo Diddley beat" to San Luis Obispo and the PAC Festival.

Tuesday, September 26, 8 p.m., 'Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen'

San Francisco's El Teatro de la Esperanza, and starring Ruby Nelda Perez in a one woman tour-de-force, Doña Rosita's" is an intimate theatrical event -- a deliciously comic and deeply poignant portrait of Latino life and cultural pride.

Wednesday, September 27, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., 'A Woman's Work,' Starring Ruby Nelda Perez

Suggested for Middle and High School classes, these two matinee performances feature Ruby Nelda Perez and use folk tales and monologues in a piece co-authored with a collection of Latina writers. "A Woman's Work" chronicles the life of a student teacher and presents comic and compassionate insights into life's obstacles and the ability to succeed within oneself. Seating is limited. Tickets are only \$4. Interested educators may arrange a matinee field trip to the PAC by contacting Kris Rose at 805/756-7223; krose@calpoly.edu.

Wednesday, September 27, 6 p.m., Grand Gala Dinner

Cohan Center opened, organizers will host an evening of libations, food, and music. Tickets for the black tie gala are \$750 per person with proceeds benefiting the Performing Arts Center for a computer-controlled *Intelligent Lighting System*

designed to offer local performing groups more lighting design dynamics without adding cost. For information call the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center at 805-541-5401.

Thursday, September 28, 7 p.m.,

A Celebration in Movement - PAC Anniversary Dance Concert

The first performance of the PAC's second decade premieres a dance, commissioned for the occasion and choreographed by Lisa Deyo. With a live performance by local favorite, vocalist Inga Swearingen, the dance concert features highlight repertoires by American Dance and Civic Ballet. "A Celebration in Movement" salutes the continuing accomplishment of the PAC and the artists who perform there.

Friday, September 29, 8 p.m.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy with Dominic Castillo & the Rock Savants

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy takes the stage in a swinging, jump-blues blowout. The upbeat arrangements of these nine hep-cats explode with wailing horns and a swingin' style. Uniquely outfitted right out of the 40's and borrowing some of the Rat Pack lingo in addition to the zoot suits of the 50's for their sizzling style of lounge music, BBVD creates a stage spectacle that cool cats have been catching again and again.

Saturday, September 30, 8 p.m. - 'Classical Savion'

Savion Glover brings his latest choreographic masterpiece, "Classical Savion," to the PAC festival. Glover's awe-inspiring technique and sharp physical prowess explode in an extraordinary solo jazz/tap evening inspired by the music of composers such as Vivaldi, Mendelssohn, and Mozart, performed by a 10-piece orchestra of international classical musicians.

Sunday, October 1, 7 p.m., Masterpieces for a Celebration**- Performed by the 10th Anniversary Wind Orchestra**

"Masterpieces for a Celebration" is a collaborative evening of world-class music featuring members from both the San Luis Obispo Wind Orchestra and the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble, conducted by Cal Poly Professor of Music William Johnson. The 10th Anniversary Wind Orchestra was custom-commissioned for the event, featuring incomparable guest soloists Paul J. Sherman (English horn) and recording artist Daniel Rosenboom (trumpet).

For more event information including dates, times and ticket prices, visit www.pacslo.org or call 805-756-2787 or 888-233-ARTS.

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