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## Oak Ridge Boys Playing at Cal Poly Oct. 3

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Longtime 'old school' country favorites The Oak Ridge Boys will appear in concert on Tuesday, October 3 at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall of the Christopher Cohan Center at Cal Poly. The new Center Stage concert is presented by Cal Poly Arts and Otter Productions, Inc.

Talent, teamwork, and an unerring sense of what it takes to please an audience are qualities have been the cornerstones of The Oak Ridge Boys' stellar career.

For more than four decades, the famed quartet has helped define popular music with pioneering contributions to both the Gospel and Country fields. Classics like "Leaving Louisiana," "I'll Be True To You," "American Made," and fan favorite "Elvira" are just some of their well-known hits.

The Oaks – also known as Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, Richard Sterban and William Lee Golden -- show no signs of slowing down. They continue to maintain a full tour schedule, are putting the finishing touches on a new album for Spring Hill Music Group, and continue to garner valuable television exposure through a series of cable network and syndicated TV specials which help support the group's favorite charities.

When groups such as Alabama and the Statler Brothers have chosen to retire, the Oaks are forging ahead.

"It's great to continue singing," says William Lee Golden. "At this point in our career, we have a great appreciation for the fact that we're still around singing when a lot of our colleagues and fellow singers and musicians have seemed to hang it up. But I can't imagine life without doing what we love to do and we love to sing."

In a career that has already reaped numerous awards, the accolades keep coming. After numerous Grammy, CMA, and Dove Awards for Platinum and Gold works, most recently the Oaks were honored for their spirited leadership of the National Anthem Project, a campaign to teach our national anthem to people all over the country.

"Any time you are awarded anything, I think it's very cool," says the Oaks' energetic tenor Joe Bonsall, but he readily admits being honored for the National Anthem Project is especially heartwarming because of the unyielding patriotism that has always been at the core of the Oaks' artistry.

The Oaks are excited about their upcoming album -- a return to straight ahead Country music. 2006 marks The Oak Ridge Boys 30th anniversary in the Country genre and the resulting release showcases each member's vocal gifts as well as the awe-inspiring harmonies that have fueled their decades long career.

Bonsall describes the upcoming album as “cutting edge, in your face stuff, great songs.”

Tickets for the performance range from \$46 - \$58 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](http://www.pacslo.org).

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