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Cal Poly Student-Musicians to Perform Spring Concert May 27

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s University Singers and the university’s Wind Orchestra will appear together on stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, in a varied musical program titled “Close Your Eyes and See Dancers.” The spring concert will be in Harman Hall in the Cohan Center.

“From ballet music to the folk songs and dances of early America, Latin America and Armenia, this unique vocal and instrumental concert will feature more than 100 musicians,” said Professor William Johnson, Wind Orchestra conductor. “The concert is devoted to music inspired by the art of dance.”

Highlights will include “Dance of the Jesters” from the “Ballet Snow Maidens” by Peter Tchaikovsky, “Suite of Old American Dances” by Robert Russell Bennett; “To Dance in the Secret Garden” by Robert W. Smith, “Symphonic Dance No. 3, Fiesta” by Clifton Williams, “Armenian Dances, Part 1” by Alfred Reed, “Dance the Horah” arranged by Joshua Jacobson, “Las Amarillas” by Stephen Hatfield, “Lord of the Dancing Day” by David Mooney, “Byker Hill” arranged by Philip Wilby and “The Old Ship of Zion” arranged by K. Lee Scott.

The University Singers include 45 vocalists, who “sing with warmth of tone, clarity of text, and multiple vocal timbres,” according to the group’s director, Thomas Davies

The 60-member Cal Poly Wind Orchestra is known its “wonderful combination of stunning virtuosity, masterful programming and lighthearted fun,” Johnson said.

Tickets to the concert are \$8 to \$15 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. To order tickets by phone, call 756-2787 (SLO-ARTS). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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