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## Cal Poly Music Ensembles to Pay Tribute to Gershwin at Open House Concert

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Three Cal Poly music ensembles will pay tribute to composer George Gershwin at the Open House Concert Saturday, April 22. The Cal Poly Symphony, University Jazz Band and Cal Poly Wind Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

In keeping with this year's Open House theme, "Cal Poly: Choice of Champions," the Music Department is showcasing some of Cal Poly's finest student-musicians.

George Gershwin, influenced by the jazz and the blues, is remembered as one of the greatest songwriters of his era. He is known as a gifted, serious composer who bridged the worlds of classical and popular music.

The Cal Poly Symphony, with music major Melody Svenningsen, will perform two songs from "Porgy and Bess," "Summertime" and "My Man's Gone Now." The Cal Poly Symphony will also play Gershwin's rhythmic "Cuban Overture."

The University Jazz Band #1, directed by Professor Paul Rinzler, will play "I Got Rhythm," "It Ain't Necessarily So" and "The Man I Love."

The concert will conclude with the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble, conducted by Professor William Johnson, performing three of Gershwin's most-loved pieces, "An American in Paris," "Porgy and Bess" and "Rhapsody in Blue," with piano soloist and Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller.

Tickets to the Open House Concert are \$8 to \$18 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax, dial 756-6088.

Patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office will receive a 10 percent discount; a 15 percent discount is given to those who buy tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406 or go online to <http://music.calpoly.edu>.

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