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### **Kick Off the Holiday Season with Windham Hill at the PAC Nov. 14**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- With a warm welcome to the holidays, a showcase of premier Windham Hill acoustic artists will be featured in “A Winter Solstice Concert” at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 14, 2004 at the Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Arts presents the elegant, New Age Windham Hill Winter Solstice afternoon, with such name artists as Windham Hill founder and steel string guitarist Will Ackerman, pianist Liz Story, guitarist David Cullen, and multi-instrumentalist Samite.

Will Ackerman has recorded 10 well-received solo CDs over the years and has performed at many concert halls throughout the world. He is currently touring in support of his 11th release on Windham Hill, the Grammy-nominated “Hearing Voices.”

In addition to recording, Ackerman served as Artistic Director of the Windham Hill label, signing George Winston, Michael Hedges, Shadowfax, Liz Story, and Tuck and Patti. He also created the massively successful “Windham Hill Samplers” and “Winter’s Solstice” collections.

Pianist Liz Story has long been at the vanguard of contemporary instrumental music. She has been winning fans worldwide with her original compositions, her interpretations of jazz and pop standards, and her interspersed wry humor.

Windham Hill released “Welcome Home – The Best Of Liz Story” in 2001.

New Age African vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Samite will perform an evocative solo set, working on a “kalimba” (finger piano), “marimba” (wooden xylophone), and flutes. With over eight recordings, Samite is one of the most loved African musicians in contemporary music.

Guitarist David Cullen creates a unique blend of classical, jazz and world music and has gained a strong reputation for his improvisational

and interpretive insights. A popular touring artist, Cullen records for Solid Air Records and was recently featured on the 25 year guitar retrospective CD from Windham Hill, entitled "Touch."

Tickets for the performance range from \$22 - \$34, with student discounts available, 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).

Sponsored by Gary and Nancy Bagnall and Best Western Royal Oak Hotel.

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