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### **Cal Poly Choral Groups To Perform 'Christmas Celebration' Dec. 6**

Several of Cal Poly's choral groups will help ring in the holidays with their annual "A Christmas Celebration" concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 6 in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

The Cal Poly choirs and barbershop quartets, including Here Comes Treble and Men-So-Forte, will perform. The choirs are made up of three ensembles: PolyPhonics, a 48-member mixed choir; The University Singers, Cal Poly's largest mixed choir; and Cal Poly Vocal Jazz, a group of up to 12.

Cal Poly's Brass Ensemble, directed by Keith Snell, will also make an appearance.

The choirs are conducted by Thomas Davies and will be accompanied by Susan Azaret Davies, Catherine Harvey and Paul Woodring, all members of the Music Department.

This year's program will feature a world premiere by Cal Poly faculty member Meredith Brammeier, as well as arrangements by Thomas Davies and Keith Snell.

In what is becoming an annual tradition, the audience will be invited to join in a carol sing-a-long.

The University Singers will open the program with "Come, Thou Long Expected" by Jesus W. Walker, "A Christmas Alleluia" by Nancy Hill Cobb and directed by student conductor Andrea Noon, a Puerto Rican carol titled "En El Portal a Belén" ("In the Stable at Bethlehem"), and "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" by John Gardiner.

In addition to Brammeier's setting of "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt," PolyPhonics will perform "The Glory of the Father" by Egil Hovland, "Sir Christémas" by William Mathias, "I Sing of a Maiden" by Patrick Hadley, and an English traditional, "Here We Come A-Wassailing."

Following intermission will be "Christmas Cameos" by several barbershop quartets, a carol sing-a-long, and the combined choirs will join with the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble to perform John Rutter's "Gloria." The program will conclude with Malcom Sargent's "Silent Night."

Tickets to "A Christmas Celebration" are \$12 to \$15 for the public, \$10 to \$13 for senior citizens, and \$7 to \$10 for students. Tickets can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The holiday concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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