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### **Cal Poly To Stage 'Freedom Boulevard' As Part of Race Unity Day May 31**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly students are taking aim at racism by producing, directing and performing "Freedom Boulevard" on May 31 as part of the university's first Race Unity Day.

The performance, free and open to the public, will be in the Cal Poly Theatre from 7 to 9 p.m. Featuring the talents of several local performers, international speakers and multicultural groups, "Freedom Boulevard" addresses what sponsors see as the need for race unity in America and aims to do so with a fresh perspective.

Performers will include international hip-hop choreographer Gabriel Francisco, the San Francisco Youth Diversity Workshop, Hyper-Active Hip Hop Co., and the Cal Poly Chinese Lion Dance Team. In addition Cal Poly theatre students will present testimonials about the destruction of racism, and Dean of Liberal Arts Harry Hellenbrand will speak.

"There is an unspoken angst at the university to acknowledge the need for race unity," said Carrie McGourty, director of "Freedom Boulevard" and a Cal Poly junior. "It is very easy to isolate oneself from the many diverse people on campus, and this show aims to expose the different walks of life evident at the university."

The concept of "Freedom Boulevard" was inspired by the idea that "humanity is progressing on a path to achieve race unity through cultural acceptance," McGourty said. "The actions of people in the past have paved our way, and now it is our responsibility to walk down 'Freedom Boulevard.'"

The Cal Poly Multicultural Center, Associated Students Inc., the Mustang Daily, the Golden Key International Honor Society and the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'i of San Luis Obispo are sponsoring the show. Members of the San Luis Obispo business community are also contributing to the event. For more information, contact Carrie McGourty at 801-1253 or Connie Wallace at 441-1709.

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