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Guarneri String Quartet Comes to Cal Poly Theatre April 4

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA - The renowned Guarneri String Quartet has circled the globe countless times since it was formed in 1964 and at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 4, the world-class ensemble will take center stage at the Cal Poly Theatre.

Guarneri members Arnold Steinhardt (violin), John Dalley (violin), Michael Tree (viola), and Peter Wiley (cello) have played the world's most prestigious halls in North and South America, Mexico, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Cal Poly Arts presents the Quartet, who "has no superior on the world's stages," according to the New York Times. And the Miami Herald declared that "some things, like the Guarneri, are as good as it gets."

The concert will feature Mozart's "String Quartet No. 18 in A Major, K. 464," the Béla Bartók "String Quartet No. 6 in D Major, Sz. 114," and the "String Quartet No. 9 in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3" by Ludwig van Beethoven.

In addition to mastering the finest works in the existing quartet repertoire, the Guarneri String Quartet is committed to performing and popularizing works by today's foremost composers.

The National Symphony Orchestra commissioned a concerto for string quartet and orchestra, written expressly for the Guarneri String Quartet by the award winning American composer Richard Danielpour. The piece was premiered with the National Symphony Orchestra at Washington DC's Kennedy Center under the direction of Leonard Slatkin on January 13, 2000 and given its New York premiere at Carnegie Hall on January 25, 2000.

Last season, the Guarneri gave the first performances of "String Quartet #5," written for them by Lukas Foss.

The Quartet has been featured on many television and radio specials, documentaries, and educational presentations both in North America and abroad. They have also been the subject of various books.

In 1982, New York's Mayor Koch presented the Quartet with the first New York Seal of Recognition and in 1992, the Guarneri String Quartet became the only quartet to receive the prestigious Award of Merit from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters in New York City.

In addition to touring, the Quartet performs their annual Metropolitan Museum of Art six-concert series, as well as their longstanding series and residency at the University of Maryland, where they are on the faculty.

Guarneri recordings may be found on Surroundedby Entertainment, Arabesque, RCA Victor, and Philips Classics.

A pre-performance lecture will be presented by Music Dept. faculty member Alyson McLamore and held at 7 p.m. in the Phillips Recital Hall.

Tickets for the performance are \$28 and \$34, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

This performance is sponsored by Lynn Mahoney Ekegren and Jay and Carol Devore.

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