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Cal Poly Music Faculty Kreitzer, Albanese and Davies to Perform Sept. 25

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Music Department faculty members Jacalyn Kreitzer, mezzo-soprano; Brynn Albanese, violin; and Susan Azaret Davies, piano, will perform a recital at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Spanos Theatre on campus.

The recital will feature works by composers including J. S. Bach, Gustav Mahler, Charles Gounod, Richard Strauss, Richard Wagner and Maurice Ravel.

“All the works are dramatic, soulful, heart rending and at times, bombastic,” Kreitzer said. “From pieces originally written for 100-piece orchestras, this recital will use transcriptions for voice, violin and piano. The texts are about the struggles, pain, glory and light of life by some of the greatest word masters: Hugo von Hoffmanstal, Alessandro Parisotti, Emile Augier, René de Saint-Marceaux, and Friedrich Ruckert.”

Kreitzer teaches voice and diction at Cal Poly and produces and directs its annual student opera production. She has sung with some of the world’s most renowned opera companies and orchestras, including the Metropolitan Opera, Deutsche Opera Berlin, San Francisco Opera, New York City Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Barcelona and Geneva operas and the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, under the batons of Zubin Mehta, James Levine, Jeffrey Tate, Valery Gerghev, Christopher Hogwood and Luciano Berio, among others. In 2009 Kreitzer performed the role of “Maria Aegyptiaca” in Gustav Mahler’s 8th Symphony, with the Colorado Mahlerfest.

In May 2011, Kreitzer will be the mezzo soloist in Beethoven’s 9th Symphony, with the San Luis Obispo Symphony in celebration of the organization’s 50th anniversary.

Albanese was concertmaster and soloist for the Tanglewood Festival Orchestra, Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and Boston Philharmonic. She was principal second and soloist with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. The orchestras in which she has performed and toured include the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, the Concertgebouw and the Residentie Orchestra in The Hague, Netherlands. She currently performs and records with the classical crossover ensemble Café Musique. Albanese teaches violin at Cal Poly.

Davies enjoys a dual career as a singer and a pianist. She teaches piano and accompanying at Cal Poly, accompanies the Cuesta Master Chorale and is the choir director/organist at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Pismo Beach. Her festival appearances include the Oregon Bach Festival, the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival, Idyllwild Summer Arts, the Cabrillo Festival and CSU Summer Arts. She has also appeared in a series of concerts with the New York Philharmonic and in recital at Carnegie's Weill Hall.

Tickets to the recital are \$10 for the public and \$6 for senior citizens and students. They can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787).

A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

The recital is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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