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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saxophonist James Carter To Perform With Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands

Jazz saxophonist James Carter will headline Cal Poly's annual Jazz Night concert at 8 p.m. May 11 in the Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall.

Carter and the University Jazz Band #1, led by Paul Rinzler, music professor and director of jazz studies, will perform traditional jazz tunes and pieces by the seminal jazz-funk band "Tower of Power."

Also appearing will be the University Jazz Band #2, directed by Music Professor William Johnson; Cal Poly Vocal Jazz, directed by Professor Thomas Davies; and the Cal Poly Jazz Combo, directed by Rinzler.

"James Carter brings an invigorating and fresh approach to jazz," Rinzler said, "His music defies easy categorization."

Carter began his career with jazz great Wynton Marsalis at the age of 17. His recordings have earned critical acclaim. His movie credits include an appearance as legendary saxophonist Ben Webster in the Robert Altman movie "Kansas City."

Tickets cost \$9 to \$11 for students, \$14 to \$16 for senior citizens and SLO Jazz Federation members, and \$17 to \$19 for adults. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787).

The Jazz Night concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. For more information call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: For an electronic image of James Carter, contact Jo Ann Lloyd at 756-1511 or jllloyd@calpoly.edu.)

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