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Hawaiian Artists to Perform at Cal Poly

"Mele Hula: A Celebration of Hawaiian Music and Dance" will fill the Christopher Cohan Center with an authentic Polynesian pulse and exuberant energy at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12.

Showcasing an all-star lineup of Hawaii's top entertainers, Mele Hula features poetic ballads about the sea, the lushness of the land, and favorite chiefs, told through graceful hula and melodies rich in harmony backed by virtuoso guitar.

Barry Flanagan, master guitarist/songwriter of the recently-disbanded group Hapa, created the Mele Hula ("music" and "dance) tour with fellow Hapa members chanter/storyteller Charles Ka'upu and bassist Jack Ofoia. The evening will also feature Ernie Cruz Jr. of Ka'au Crater Boys, colorful Hawaiian hula performances and regional hula, and 10-time Hoku award winning Female Vocalist of the Year, Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom. Cal Poly Music Dept. professor Henry Spiller will present a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. at the Philips Recital Hall.

Tickets range from \$16 - \$28, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at 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/SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax: (805) 756-6088.

This performance is sponsored by Frame Works and co-presented by KCBX FM 90.1. The Mele Hula tour is sponsored by Hawaiian Airlines. For audio and video samples of Cal Poly Arts events, visit www.calpolyarts.org.

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