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Riders in the Sky Deliver a Rollicking Christmas Show

Known for their pure and comical western musical entertainment, Riders In The Sky will perform a warm-hearted holiday show, "Christmas the Cowboy Way," on Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Arts presents the "darlings of public radio" in a concert filled with classic and original western folk songs, smooth harmonies, and slapstick comedy.

Since 1977, Riders In The Sky have faithfully tended a musical tradition created by singing cowboy legends such as the Sons Of The Pioneers. The Riders' success is based on the expert musicianship of guitarist Ranger Doug, bassist Too Slim, and accordion player Joey "The Cowpolka King" Miskulin.

The group combines sharp acoustical music and a wide musical repertoire with outrageous comedy, delivering entertainment that has delighted listeners and audiences for almost three decades.

Riders In The Sky have more than 4,000 shows, 200 national TV appearances, 200 public radio shows, 2.3 million miles on the road, three television series, and dozens of albums to their credit in a career committed to carrying on an American musical tradition.

In 1999, the Riders provided music for Walt Disney/Pixar's "Toy Story 2" with their rendition of "Woody's Roundup." They recorded a companion album for the movie, entitled "Woody's Roundup, Featuring Riders In The Sky." The album garnered Riders In The Sky a Grammy Award for Best Children's Album in 2001.

Tickets range from \$22 - \$34, 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 KSNI FM 102.5 and Bill and Harriette Shaffner. Co-presented by KCBX FM 90.1.

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