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Latin America Orchestra Plays the PAC at Cal Poly Oct. 27

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA - Latin America's premier orchestra will perform an evening of Brahms, Nobre, and Braga when the Orquestra de São Paulo performs at the Christopher Cohan Center at 7 p.m. October 27. (Please note early curtain time.)

The 100+ member Orquestra, directed by John Neschling and featuring guitar virtuosos Sergio and Odair Assad, is presented by Cal Poly Arts as part of the "Great Performances" series of the Cal Poly Arts 2002/03 season.

The evening repertoire will include Francisco Braga's "Symphonic Episode," Marlos Nobre's "Concerto for Two Guitars and Orchestra," featuring the Assads as guest soloists, and the Brahms "Symphony No. 5."

São Paulo, the third largest city in the world, is the hub of Brazil's cultural life. When Brazilian John Neschling was named Artistic Director of the orchestra in 1997, he led the ensemble to recognition as the model musical organization in Brazil and to critical and audience acclaim on the international circuit.

In an open letter included in concert programs, Geraldo Alckmin, Governor of the State of São Paulo wrote, "The Government of the State of São Paulo is pleased and honoured to present this sumptuous and flavorsome spectacle of multiculturalism for the enjoyment of the people of the United States of America. We believe that the OSP, an orchestra of outstanding ability, is not only a superb advertisement for the achievements of Brazilian art and culture, but also a vehicle for bringing people from every part of the world together in the cause of peace."

A pre-performance lecture by Music Department faculty member Alyson McLamore will be held at 6 p.m. in the Philip Recital Hall.

Tickets for the performance range from \$36 - \$48, 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 Gerry & Peggy Peterson and Sheila & Yosef Tiber.

Co-presented by KCBX FM 90.1.

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