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"South Pacific" Plays the Central Coast Nov. 25, 26

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- There will be two enchanted evenings of Rodgers and Hammerstein's timeless classic, "South Pacific," on Monday and Tuesday, November 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. at the Christopher Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Arts presents the full-scale national touring production of "South Pacific," the Broadway favorite which is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "Tales of the South Pacific" by James Michener.

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein formed the most consistently profitable partnership in American musical theatre, creating other such memorable theatrical mainstays as "Oklahoma!," "Carousel," "The King and I," "The Sound of Music," and "Cinderella."

Winner of nine Tony awards and the Pulitzer Prize, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" is a tale of wartime romance on an island paradise, rich in humor and eloquent in song and considered by many to be one of the best musicals ever written.

Set during World War II, the story follows two parallel love affairs that are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. Through experience and tragedy, characters confront and conquer their fears and limitations, realizing that life is too short not to seize happiness.

The show's score is filled with enduring standards, including "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm In Love With a Wonderful Guy," "Bali Ha'i," "Younger Than Springtime," "There Is Nothing Like a Dame," "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," and the anti-prejudice anthem, "You Have to be Carefully Taught."

Tickets for the performance range from \$42 - \$54, 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 Clifford Chapman and Gene Shidler, Al and Patty Moriarty, and KSBY 6.

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