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Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra To Present 'Fall Concert' Nov. 24

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra and special guest artist mezzo- soprano Jacalyn Kreitzer will present "A Fall Concert" at 3 p.m. Nov. 24 in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center at Cal Poly.

Music Professor William Johnson, now in his 37th year as conductor of instrumental music ensembles at Cal Poly, promises "a wonderful afternoon of musical inspiration and entertainment."

"The Chamber Orchestra is a group of 50 talented student musicians who have put together a program of some of the most beautiful works ever written for the symphony orchestra," Johnson said.

The program will include Cal Poly voice and diction teacher Kreitzer performing the well-known "Alto Rhapsody" by Johannes Brahms. The rhapsody was written in 1869 for alto singer and symphony orchestra and is based on a poem by poet and dramatist Goethe.

The concert will open with the Overture to "The Wasps," written by Ralph Vaughan Williams for a Greek play in 1909.

Also on the program will be the "Caucasian Sketches" by Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov. "This is Russian orchestral music at its best," Johnson said.

The work will be conducted by Mi Young Shin, assistant conductor and recent Cal Poly graduate in violin performance.

"The concert will close with the exciting and familiar sounds of Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, 'From the New World,' Johnson said. 'The New World Symphony,' as it is often called, was written during the

Czech composer's visit to America in 1892 and 1893. The work is filled with familiar American folk tunes."

"The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra -- an ensemble using violins, violas, cellos, basses, woodwinds, brass and percussion -- produces a full, vibrant sound," Johnson said. "We've put together a package the entire family will enjoy."

Tickets are \$6 for students, \$7 to \$9 for senior citizens and \$9 to \$11 for the public. They are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 756-ARTS (756-2787) or fax orders to 756-6088.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and Associated Students Inc. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2607.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: Photographers and reporters are welcome to rehearsals 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Room 216 in the Davidson Music Center on campus. Attached is a photograph of Jacalyn Kreitzer. If you have problems opening the attachment, please contact Jo Ann Lloyd at 756-1511 or jlloyd@calpoly.edu.)

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