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### **Wind Orchestra, Marching Band to Present Bandfest 2002 Nov. 16**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Almost 200 musicians will gather in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center on Nov. 16 to present Bandfest 2002, an "evening of entertainment, a wind instrument spectacular," according to Music Professor Bill Johnson.

The 8 p.m. concert will include the 100 members of the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra performing such songs as James Curnow's "Centennial Spirit," the Irish legend melodies of Rolf Rudin's "Dream of Oenghus" and Eric Whitacre's "Noisy Wheels of Joy."

The 90 members of the Mustang Marching Band will play sounds of "007" -- James Bond -- and some "hot" Latin numbers, Johnson said. The concert will conclude with Frank Ticheli's "American Elegy" and Stephen Melillo's "Time to Take Back the Knights," a "showpiece that will touch the heart," said Johnson, conductor of the Wind Orchestra.

"Bandfest 2002, under the direction of David Rackley, will bring into the concert hall some of its sparkling arrangements of popular music as well as some of its well-known choreography and enthusiastically brilliant sound," Johnson said.

Bandfest 2002 is the first in a series of concerts designed to prepare the Wind Orchestra for its Carnegie Hall debut in April 2003. The orchestra is one of two university ensembles to be invited to perform in the prestigious New York City venue. The April concert in Carnegie Hall will be sponsored by the World Projects Corp., which produces the International Music Festival in Sydney, Australia, each year. That festival attracts musical groups from throughout the world to perform in the Sydney Opera House.

After the Sept. 11 tragedies, World Projects decided to begin a new festival in New York City, bringing in wind bands from throughout the United States to perform in Carnegie Hall. In 2003, the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and the University of Tennessee Wind Ensemble will perform.

Tickets to Bandfest 2002 are \$7 to \$10 for students, \$10 to \$13 for senior citizens and \$12 to \$15 for the public. The performance is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, Music Department and ASI. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2607.

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