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Renowned A Cappella Ensemble Returns to The Cohan Center

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Called “the world’s reigning male chorus” by the *New Yorker* magazine, Grammy Award-winning a cappella ensemble CHANTICLEER will perform at the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center as part of their illustrious 34th season.

Cal Poly Arts presents one of the Central Coast’s favorite choirs in an afternoon concert featuring an expansive “Love Story” program on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 3 p.m.

As Chanticleer’s Curt Hancock explains, “The story of love is inexhaustible...Chanticleer will share this enchanting and disturbing emotion, which has evoked more poetry and music than any other. Spanning six centuries, *Love Story* includes music by Victoria, de Vivanco, R. Strauss, Whitacre, Paulus, Tavener, Ellington and more.”

Based in San Francisco, Chanticleer is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices,” with a seamless blend of its 12 male voices ranging from countertenor to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature – from Renaissance to jazz and from gospel to venturesome new music.

Praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle* for their “tonal luxuriance and crisply etched clarity,” Chanticleer U.S. tours have included appearances at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the National American Choral Directors Association Conference in Chicago. In early 2010, Chanticleer gave 14 concerts in 11 European countries, appearing at many of Europe’s legendary concert halls. Chanticleer returned to Shanghai as part of the San Francisco delegation to Expo 2010.

In addition to the group’s numerous successful recordings, last year saw the release of the *Best of Chanticleer* plus a new CD of Christmas music and an appearance on Garrison Keillor’s “A Prairie Home Companion.”

Patrons are invited to attend a free pre-concert lecture presented by Music Dept. Faculty Member Alyson McLamore at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center’s Philips Recital Hall.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from \$16 to \$44 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

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