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Cal Poly Performing Ensembles to Present Showcase At Parent and Family Weekend Concert Oct. 12

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's 2012 Parent and Family Weekend will kick off with a musical showcase emceed by Music Department Chair W. Terrence Spiller at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center on campus.

The Parent and Family Weekend Ensemble Showcase will feature all Cal Poly Music Department majors performing ensembles: the Cal Poly Symphony, Cal Poly Choirs (PolyPhonics and The University Singers), University Jazz Band I, Arab Music Ensemble and the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble.

The Cal Poly Symphony, under the direction of David Arrivé, will begin the program. The ensemble's performance will include music from video games as well as selections from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," orchestrated by Maurice Ravel.

The Cal Poly Choirs, conducted by Thomas Davies, will follow with separate selections from PolyPhonics and The University Singers. They will finish their portion of the program with a combined number.

The University Jazz Band I, led by Jazz Studies Director Paul Rinzier, will perform a program of big band swing dance classics.

The Arab Music Ensemble, directed by Ken Habib, will perform classic art and popular music from shared music traditions of the Middle East including a folkdance directed by San Luis Obispo dance instructors Sandra Sarrouf and Jenna Mitchell.

The program will conclude with a performance by the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Andy McMahan. The band will perform audience favorites, as well as both traditional and modern works, all selected from the best repertoire written for symphonic band.

Tickets to the recital are \$12 and \$14 for the public and \$9 and \$12 for senior citizens and students. New pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees, and event parking is now sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (756-4849).

A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four Music Department events through the Performing Arts Ticket Office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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