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Cal Poly Music Faculty Members to Perform Sept. 29

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Four Cal Poly Music Department faculty members will perform “Celebrated Classics” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in the Spanos Theatre on campus.

The recital will feature Jacalyn Kreitzer, mezzo-soprano; Gabrielle Castriotta, oboe; Paul Severtson, viola; and Susan Azaret Davies, piano, performing works by Christoph Willibald Gluck, Giovanni Paisiello, Antonio Caldara, Joseph Cantaloube, Camille Saint-Saëns, John Corigliano and Johannes Brahms.

“All the works are dramatic, soulful, heart-rending and, at times, bombastic,” Kreitzer said. “The texts are about the struggles, pain, glory and light of life by folk-poets and the great master of poetry, Friedrich Ruckert.” The pieces were originally written for 100-piece orchestras, but this recital will use transcriptions for voice, oboe, viola and piano.

Kreitzer teaches voice and diction and produces and directs Cal Poly’s annual student opera production. She has sung with the Metropolitan Opera, Deutsche Opera Berlin, San Francisco Opera, New York City Opera, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Barcelona and Geneva operas and the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, under the batons of Zubin Mehta, James Levine, Jeffrey Tate, Valery Gerghiev, Christopher Hogwood and Luciano Berio, among others.

Recently Kreitzer performed the role of Maria Aegyptiaca in Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 8 with the Colorado Mahlerfest and was presented in recital in Opera San Luis Obispo’s salon performance series. She is also artistic advisor for OperaSLO.

Castriotta is a teacher-artist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. She has performed with various ensembles and orchestras in Los Angeles, including WildUp Modern Music Collective, the Jacaranda Music Festival, and the West Los Angeles Symphony. In addition to teaching at Cal Poly, Castriotta has been the oboe coach for the Idyllwild Arts Orchestra and the oboe teaching assistant for Idyllwild Arts Summer Program.

Severtson is co-concertmaster of the San Luis Obispo Symphony Orchestra and is a founding member of the Tolosa Strings Chamber Ensemble. A graduate of the Yale School of Music, he has performed in numerous symphony, opera, ballet and chamber orchestras; popular, rock ‘n’ roll and jazz groups; contemporary music ensembles; and as a folk musician with a special interest in the Norwegian hardanger fiddle. Severtson is the development director at public radio KCBX FM-90.

Davies enjoys a career as a singer and a pianist. She teaches piano at Cal Poly, accompanies the Cuesta Master Chorale, and is the choir director and organist at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Pismo Beach. Her festival appearances include the Oregon Bach Festival, San Luis Obispo Festival Mozaic, Idyllwild Summer Arts, the Cabrillo Festival, and CSU Summer Arts. She has also appeared in a series of concerts with the New York Philharmonic and in recital at Carnegie’s Weill Hall.

Tickets to the recital are \$12 for the public and \$9 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 Sunday. 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 recital is sponsored by the Cal Poly Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call the Music Department. Proceeds from the event benefit the Music Department Scholarship Fund.

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