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Cal Poly Choirs and Guests to Perform 'Water Works' Feb. 23

The Cal Poly Choirs, conducted by Professor Thomas Davies, will present their annual Winter Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

Titled "Water Works," the program will feature compositions with a theme influenced by the beauty and power of water.

Special guests featured on the program include Paul Hondorp, director of choral activities at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., and the Cuesta College Chamber Singers, conducted by John Knutson.

Each choir will present its own set of pieces. The Cal Poly Choirs (PolyPhonics and The University Singers) will present works by Heinrich Schütz, Henk Badings, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Hildor Lundvik, and Joseph Haydn.

All the choirs will combine to sing three numbers at the end of the program: "I Gondolieri" ("The Gondoliers") by Gioachino Rossini, conducted by Hondorp; the spiritual "Deep River," arranged by Norman Luboff and conducted by Knutson; and "Cloudburst," composed by Eric Whitacer and conducted by Davies.

Hondorp earned a business degree from Cal Poly in 1990 and was a member of several Cal Poly choirs as an undergraduate. He later earned music degrees at CSU Long Beach and Temple University and then completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting at Michigan State University. He is now in his 10th year at Western Kentucky.

Tickets to the concert 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).

The Music Department offers a 10 percent discount to patrons who buy season tickets to four of its 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 Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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