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Performing Arts Center to Join 'Art After Dark' Festivities on March 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO – For the first time and in celebration of Arts Education Month, the Performing Arts Center, San Luis Obispo, will participate in ARTS Obispo's Art After Dark, a free exploration of galleries and venues that showcase the visual, literary and performing arts in downtown San Luis Obispo.

On Friday, March 1, between 6 and 9 p.m., Art After Dark patrons are invited to explore a unique visual art exhibit in the PAC's Rossi Grand Lobby and enjoy an open rehearsal of the Cal Poly Music Department's Jazz Band for the Saturday evening's Just Jazz concert in Harman Hall.

Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a free shuttle service will run from the Performing Arts Center to downtown throughout the evening.

The art display will feature local artist William Tuck, a member of the Paso Robles Art Association and regular artist at Paso Robles' Studios on the Park. An award-winning watercolorist, Tuck specializes in landscapes and still life, often drawing inspiration from the natural serenity along the Central Coast.

Tuck's work will remain on display the following morning for the MET Live in high-definition simulcast of "Wagner's Parsifal," a co-presentation of Opera San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Arts.

Adding to the representation of visual art, the Cal Poly University Art Gallery will showcase a collection of student work on display for one night only, including painting and graphic design posters inspired by the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival.

As a part of the Performing Arts Center's efforts to provide arts education opportunities to the public, the PAC is extending the reach of Art After Dark, both geographically and artistically. "ARTS Obispo's Art After Dark is one of the coolest regular events that takes place in our community," said PAC Managing Director Ron Regier. "This collaborative outreach opportunity seemed too good to pass up."

Art After Dark goers are encouraged to start their art trek at the PAC by parking in the Grand Avenue parking structure (parking is sponsored by the Performing Arts Center), and continuing their tour via the complimentary shuttle service that will run in a continuous loop from 6 to 9 p.m. in front of the Performing Arts Center and the alegria wine and ware shop on the corner of Chorro and Palm streets.

For more information about Art After Dark at the PAC, go to www.pacslo.org or contact PAC Outreach Services Specialist Melody Klemin at 805-756-7223.

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