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## *Cal Poly Band to Travel to Great Britain and Ireland June 17-30*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Band Program will travel to England, Ireland and Scotland for 12 days from June 17-30.

A concert band made up of 65 students from the Wind Ensemble, Wind Orchestra, and Mustang Band will perform across the British Isles, in venues such as Dublin's Gleeson Hall (on the campus of the Dublin Institute of Technology), The Royal Northern College of Music (Manchester, England), and St. John's Smith Square in London. The students will also have an opportunity to enjoy cultural excursions through visits to Dublin, Edinburgh, Manchester, Oxford, York, and London.

The band will perform a variety of British and American music, including works by composers such as Gustav Holst, John Philip Sousa, Gordon Jacob, Philip Sparke, and Julie Giroux. The ensemble will be conducted by Andrew McMahan.

This trip continues a long tradition of international travel at Cal Poly. Since 1975, the Cal Poly Band has traveled to Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, New Zealand, and Switzerland. The band has also traveled extensively throughout the U.S., performing at concert halls in Honolulu, Los Angeles, and New York City. Each tour has provided students with multicultural experiences that enhance their global perspective and brought attention to the thriving musical environment at Cal Poly.

More information, including a detailed itinerary, can be found on the Cal Poly Wind Band Web page at <http://windorchestra.calpoly.edu/tour2013>.

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