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Cal Poly Arts Brings Irish Tenors in Yuletide Concert Dec. 19

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – "The luck of the Irish may be legendary, but there's a lot to say of the skill of the Irish, as demonstrated by The Irish Tenors' blending of traditional and modern songs...(with) tones (that) blended beautifully." (The Washington Post)

"The light-hearted offerings – mixing traditional beauties from the Emerald Isle, holiday chestnuts, and religious hymns – combined for an evening that sparkled like ornaments on a mighty tall tree...It was a fine night for The Irish Tenors and the lucky audience there to cheer them on." (Los Cerritos News)

The Irish Tenors' 2006 holiday concert at the Performing Arts Center quickly sold out. On Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall, Cal Poly Arts presents the much-anticipated return of the acclaimed trio in their festive, all-new holiday program, IRISH TENORS CHRISTMAS II.

"Irish Tenors Christmas II" features the lyric Anthony Kearns, the romantic Finbar Wright, and the operatic Karl Scully performing once again with over 40 members of the San Luis Obispo Symphony in a fresh evening of traditional Christmas songs and classic Irish hymns and ballads.

The Irish Tenors have been thrilling audiences for nearly a decade. Their incredible music and Irish charm have endeared them to audiences across the country and around the world.

Their eight best-selling CDs have brought them a vast, dedicated following and their unprecedented five PBS specials have broadcast their artistry all over the globe.

Since they first joined voices in 1998, The Irish Tenors have given countless traditional treasures new life, proving themselves gifted interpreters of a wide range of material. They also enjoy contemporary success with such songs as "My Heart Will Go On," made famous by Celine Dion; "Fairytales Of New York," previously recorded by Kirsty MacColl and The Pogues; and even Jimmy Kennedy's "South Of The Border (Down Mexico Way)."

These songs live comfortably in their repertoire alongside the classic "Danny Boy," "My Wild Irish Rose," and "Fields Of Athenry."

Released in September 2005, their "Sacred, A Spiritual Journey" offers a wide range of spiritual material and inspirational songs.

Many consider Anthony Kearns and Finbar Wright to be synonymous with Irish music. When former tenor John McDermott announced he was going to concentrate on solo engagements, the esteemed Karl Scully became the newest member of The Irish Tenors.

Amidst a touring career filled with world-wide highlights, the trio has also filmed a ten-part series for Ireland's RTE
network, "The Irish Tenors and Friends," where they perform with stellar talents, such as Hayley Westernra and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

General public tickets for the performance range from $46 to $58, with student discounts available on all seats, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.


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