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Cal Poly Alumni Play Annual Reunion Concert at Madonna Inn

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On Saturday, August 26, from 7 to 11 p.m., the Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band will present their annual reunion concert at the Madonna Inn Ballroom.

The band will perform a program of big band jazz and swing for listening and dancing. Selections include hits from the ‘40s through the ‘60s, along with arrangements from more contemporary big bands.

The Collegians big band was founded at Cal Poly in 1937 by long-time Music Department Head Harold P. Davidson. During their college years, band members played dances and concerts in San Luis Obispo and throughout California.

Band members have been reuniting every year since the mid ‘60s to renew old friendships and play their favorite music "one more time." Members come to play from all over California, Arizona, Oregon, and even from Massachusetts, while others still reside locally in Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo.

In 1999, Alex Madonna invited the group to perform their annual reunion concert at his Madonna Inn. The Inn has renewed the invitation every year since. Over the years, the band has also performed at Edna Valley Vineyards, Central Coast Mall, Mission Plaza, Atascadero Lake Park and Cal Poly.

The concert is free, but voluntary contributions to the Collegians’ jazz scholarship program at Cal Poly will be gladly accepted.

For more information on this performance and other Saturday night dances at the Madonna Inn, please contact the Inn at (805) 543-3000.

For more information about the Cal Poly Collegians Alumni Big Band, contact Chuck Stefanetti 530-877-6963 or cstefanetti@pulsarco.com, or Bob Alberti 805 461-5993 or rea@bibliotherapy.com, or check out the Collegians’ Web site at http://music.calpoly.edu/collegians.

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