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Cal Poly, Cal State San Bernardino To Join in Musical Weekend May 7-8

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly Music Department will host the 4th collaborative meeting between the Cal Poly and Cal State San Bernardino guitar ensembles on Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, when students from both universities will gather on campus for a weekend of rehearsals, a master class and recital.

On Saturday, May 8, Cal Poly guitar instructor Jesús Saiz-Huedo and Stuart Green of CSUSB will conduct a master class featuring student solo performances from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 216 of the Davidson Music Center.

Saturday at 7 p.m., the Combined Guitar Ensemble, directed by Saiz-Huedo, will play a recital in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center. It will feature ensemble and solo pieces by composers Francesco Da Milano, Manuel Ponce, Dusan Bogdanovic, Egberto Gismonti, Isaac Albeniz, Agustín Barrios, Scott Joplin and Celso Machado.

The collaboration between Cal Poly and CSUSB began in 2002, when Saiz-Huedo and Green decided to exchange ideas and work together on common goals. “Since then, three student gatherings for recitals and master classes have established an ongoing source of motivation and successful experiences for students at both universities,” Saiz-Huedo said.

The Combined Guitar Ensemble has played recitals at Cal Poly and at the San Bernardino campus, as well as at the La Guitarra California Guitar Festival at Cuesta College. The ensemble has also performed in master classes by Saiz-Huedo, Green and the Katona Twins.

Both the master class and recital are free and open to the public. All events are sponsored by the Cal Poly and Cal State San Bernardino music departments and colleges of liberal arts. For more information, contact Cal Poly’s Music Department at 756-2406.