Cal Poly Wind Ensembles, Polyphonics In Concert April 26

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Cal Poly Open House Concert April 26 To Feature University Jazz Band, PolyPhonics, Wind and Chamber Orchestras

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Four university ensembles -- the Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra, PolyPhonics, the University Jazz Band I and the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra -- will come together to perform Cal Poly's Open House Concert at 8 p.m. April 26 in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Music Professor Clifton Swanson, will perform the first movement (Allegro) from Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major. Pianist and Music Department faculty member William Terrence Spiller will be the featured soloist.

PolyPhonics, with Music Professor Thomas Davies conducting, will perform Felix Mendelssohn's "Heilig," Eric Whitacre's "Five Hebrew Love Songs," Imant Raminsh's "In the Night We Shall Go In," and a traditional spiritual, "My Soul's Been Anchored by the Lord."

University Jazz Band I, directed by Music Professor Paul Rinzler, will play "Just Friends," by Raymond Davies, John Klenner and Sam Lewis; "Moondance," by Van Morrison; and "Squibcakes," by Chester Thompson.

The concert will conclude with the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra, conducted by Music Professor William Johnson, performing David Maslanka's Symphony No. 4.

"Open House visitors, as well as local music lovers, will not want to miss Cal Poly's performance of this powerful work," Johnson said.

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra is known for its versatility in performing music written for both the large and small orchestra, from baroque to contemporary.
PolyPhonics is a 42-member chamber ensemble that performs a range of musical works, from Renaissance to contemporary. The ensemble tours every year, and over spring break this year performed throughout Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois. The group also performs frequently with local instrumental ensembles.

The University Jazz Band I performs the latest and best modern repertoire for big band and also has fun performing old great swing-era classics for swing dance concerts and other performances, according to Rinzler. "The ensemble performs at many of California's best collegiate jazz festivals and has the opportunity to play with world-class guest artists."

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra performs music written for the modern wind band. The ensemble, says Johnson, "enjoys a national as well as international reputation for musical excellence." The Wind Orchestra performed in Carnegie Hall on April 3 as part of the New York Wind Band Festival. It was the featured orchestra among nine of the world's top high school and college orchestras.

Although the concert will take place during Cal Poly's busy Open House weekend, ample parking will be available.

Tickets to the Open House Concert cost $5 to $15 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax, dial 756-6088.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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