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Cal Poly Open House Festival Concert April 21 To Feature Brass Choir, All-State Wind Orchestra

Performances by the Cal Poly Brass Choir and the All-State Wind Orchestra, comprising 100 of California's top high-school musicians, will help conclude the university's Open House festivities on April 21.

The All-State Wind Orchestra Festival Concert, at 2:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall, continues an annual Cal Poly Music Department tradition that brings 100 of the state's finest young musicians to campus to perform. They are chosen by recorded audition to participate and arrive the Friday before the concert to begin rehearsals.

The Cal Poly Brass Choir will be conducted by Music Department faculty member Roy Main, and the All-State Wind Orchestra ensemble will be under the direction of Baldur Brönnimann of Switzerland.

Brönnimann is known worldwide as a conductor of wind ensembles and symphony orchestras. In July 2001 he conducted the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles International Youth Wind Orchestra in Lucerne, Switzerland. Since 1996, he has conducted symphony and opera orchestras at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England. He was recently appointed conductor of the Northern Sinfonia, and he regularly works with the Hallé and Liverpool orchestras.

Tickets to the 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.