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Balinese Drum Troupe To Perform in San Luis Obispo

SAN LUIS OBISPO - After a heralded appearance at the L.A. World Festival of Sacred Music, the Balinese percussion ensemble of Gamelan Cudamani will continue their U.S. debut tour with a musical celebration on Thursday, September 26, 2002 at 8 p.m. at the Cal Poly Theatre.

Cal Poly Arts presents the professional thirty-member group of youthful virtuoso musicians and dancers from Bali, Indonesia. Cudamani is dedicated to the cultural life of Bali and their program includes classic treasures and the imaginative work of the younger generation. The group maintains a unique and diverse repertoire ranging from rare classical forms of dance to highly creative instrumental works. Since its creation five years ago, they are in great demand throughout Bali.

The group invests time and energy learning classic forms that are seldom performed and their outstanding musicianship and dance technique add weight to the revival of classic works.

Cudamani performs with great technical precision, high collective spirit, and an impressive understanding of musical nuances. They play gongs, chimes, drums, and xylophones - often at lightning speeds. Dances performed by the group include the classic "Legong," the world-famous "Barong" dance and rare pieces in the "Kebyar" genre.

Tickets for the performance are $28 & $34, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax: (805) 756-6088.

This performance is co-presented by KCBX Public Radio FM 90.1.

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