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Franklin and Friends Musical Comes to the Performing Arts Center Nov. 10

SAN LUIS OBISPO - "Franklin's Class Concert," the delightful full-length musical production that features Franklin the Turtle and his friends Fox, Beaver, Bear and Snail, comes to life on the Christopher Cohan Center stage at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 10. (Please note special curtain time.)

Cal Poly Arts presents the original musical as part of their popular, low-cost Family Series. "Franklin's Class Concert" is produced by Tanglewood Productions, who helped bring the successful "Little Bear Live on Stage" show to San Luis Obispo family audiences during the Cal Poly Arts 2001/02 season.

The show features Franklin and pals Fox, Beaver, Bear, and Snail in a lively show filled with non-stop singing, dancing and audience participation. In the story, it's time for the annual class concert. Everyone will perform a special number, but Franklin fears that he has no talent. Just when he thought things couldn't get worse, the concert happens earlier than expected.

What will happen when Beaver suffers from stage fright, Snail can't hit the high note, and Fox is unable to make someone reappear after they disappear in his magic act? Audiences of all ages will enjoy finding out.

Since the first book, "Franklin in the Dark," was published in 1986, the character of Franklin has gained worldwide fame. The series of books, written by Paulette Bourgeois and illustrated by Brenda Clark, have sold over 35 million copies around the globe. Imaginative storylines and memorable art have made Franklin a friend to every child.

The popular television show, based on the beloved characters, is one of the highest-rated children's programs on cable networks and syndicated television and portrays Franklin and his friends reassuring children
that it's acceptable to feel a myriad of emotions while encouraging them to solve problems on their own.

Tickets for the performance are $15 general public and $12 students/children, and may be purchased at the 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 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

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