San Luis Obispo – Cal Poly Music Department's new event season, titled "2011-12: Make a Musical Wish!" starts with four vocal events in October.

Soprano Patricia Caicedo will present a vocal master class Tuesday, Oct. 11, with Cal Poly students, followed by a recital Thursday, Oct. 13, at which she will sing a collection of folkloric and contemporary art songs from Latin America and Spain. Caicedo is considered one of the world's leading authorities on Latin American art song. She founded Mundo Arts, a company that publishes and distributes Latin American art song, and she runs the Barcelona Festival of Song.

Tenor Christopher M. Cock will present a recital Thursday, Oct. 20, and a master class Tuesday, Oct. 25. For the recital, he will sing Franz Schubert's "Winterreise," Op. 89, considered one of the most significant song cycles in the history of Western composition. Cock is director of choral and vocal activities at Valparaiso University (Indiana), holds the Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Lutheran Music and is director of the Bach Institute.

At least a dozen more events -- including several free ones -- will follow in the fall. They include:

- Oct. 28 - Parents' Weekend Ensemble Showcase, featuring six of the department's ensembles - Arab Music Ensemble, PolyPhonics, Symphony, University Jazz Band I, University Singers and Wind Ensemble
- Nov. 5 - Faculty Chamber Ensemble
- Nov. 18 - Bandfest 2011! - Resonances
- Nov. 19 - Symphony Fall Concert - Spiller Plays Grieg
- Dec. 2 - Fall Jazz Concert
- Dec. 3 - Choirs' A Christmas Celebration

For more information and a complete list of events for the 2011-12 season, visit http://music.calpoly.edu/calendar/; send email to music@calpoly.edu, or call 805-756-2406. Printed versions of the event brochure are available upon request.

Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To
order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four events; a 15 percent discount is offered for five or more events.

All events are sponsored by Cal Poly’s Music Department and the College of Liberal Arts. Several are co-sponsored by the Instructionally Related Activities program.

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