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### **Opportunities for New Music Teachers Commission Approves Cal Poly Pomona's Music Program**

SACRAMENTO - Prospective music teachers in the Pomona area will have expanded opportunities to earn a single subject teaching credential as a result of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's (Commission) October 4, 2007 action to approve the California State Polytechnic University, (Cal Poly) Pomona's single subject matter program in music.

Over the next decade, school districts will face teacher shortages in all subject areas due to large-scale teacher retirements. Universities and local school districts continue to identify ways to fill the gap and to meet local needs. One way to ensure that teachers are available to teach the needed subject areas is for universities and local education agencies to offer more subject matter programs for teaching credentials.

The Cal Poly students majoring in music can choose career paths in music education, music industry studies, music performance, and interdisciplinary studies. In the Cal Poly tradition of "learn by doing", music majors are given a variety of hands-on experiences through internships in the music industry, field experiences in teaching, and master classes with renowned artists. The department presents over fifty events annually, drawn from faculty/staff artist concerts, guest artists, and department ensemble class concerts.

The music education Bachelor of Arts degree program provides the necessary coursework and performance opportunities to prepare the student for a graduate teacher credential program. Students are presented with a broad-based curriculum in both instrumental and vocal music education and given a variety of hands-on experiences such as Directed Field Experience in Music Education, Instrumental and Vocal Fundamental Classes and Conducting. In addition, all students participate in ethnic, jazz and traditional music classes and performing ensembles. The Cal Poly Music Education program has placed 100% of their graduates who have sought careers in music education.

The program hopes to attract candidates from around the surrounding areas of El Monte, Claremont, Fontana, Walnut Valley, and Pomona. The music department's outreach with area schools includes involvement in music teaching clubs in middle schools, hosting a choral festival for area high school choirs, performances by Cal Poly music ensembles and faculty development through music workshops and clinics.

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The program's current enrollment in the music department is approximately 180; approximately 25 in the music education program leading to a music teaching credential. Enrollment is anticipated to grow to 30 by 2010.

All subject matter programs are based on specified criteria and standards and are reviewed by a panel of experts in the subject. The expert panel is made up of representatives of K-12 public schools and university faculty. The review process includes early technical assistance, review, and requests for additional information or suggestions for program changes. When the program meets the criteria and standards, the panel recommends approval to the Commission.

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