



Academy of Visual and Performing Arts At Culver City High School

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Culver City High School and AVPA Present Annual Spring Concert

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Culver City – May 15, 2008: The Culver City High School Music Department and its Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) presents their annual Spring Music Concert on Wednesday, May 28, at 7 pm in the Robert Frost Auditorium (4401 Elenda Street, Culver City). The free concert will feature the CCHS Concert Band and Concert Choir, both under the direction of Dr. Tony Spano. Also performing will be the AVPA Chamber Singers, directed by Lisa Michel, and the AVPA Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Spano.



Both AVPA ensembles, as well as the Concert Band, attended the Music in the Parks Festival on May 10. All three ensembles received high ratings of "Excellent", which placed each group second behind some heavy competition from ensembles throughout California, as well as other states such as Texas and Arizona. Dr. Spano comments, "We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students this year. Their performances at the Music in the Parks Festival proved they are very competitive with other programs. They also performed some of the most challenging music we've ever been able to program with our ensembles."



The program will include the pieces performed at the festival. The Jazz Ensemble has programmed favorites such as Duke Ellington's "Caravan" and Gershwin's "Strike Up The Band." The Chamber Singers have a diverse program of madrigals, as well as popular and gospel songs, such as "Blackbird" and "Go Down, Moses." The Concert Band's selections include "Cajun Folk Songs" by Frank Ticheli, a local composer and professor at

USC, who has an international reputation as a leading composer of works for band. The Concert Choir will also perform works such as "Danny Boy."

About the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School has been inspiring and empowering students to build a compassionate, creative community through innovative and challenging arts education since 1996. AVPA enjoys tremendous support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other area businesses as well as from the Culver City community. For more information about the Academy, go to <http://avpa.org> or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or Kristine Hatanaka at x6001.

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