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AVPA Adds Spice to CCHS Winter Concert

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It's the time of year when thoughts turn to joyous holidays, and attending Culver City High School's Winter Concert is the perfect way to get in the right holiday spirit. As always, this year's concert will include the CCHS Concert Choir and Concert Band, with the Culver City Middle School Choir. Also, the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) music department is pleased to add its music to the mix with its Chamber Singers and Jazz Combo. The concert is on Wednesday, December 20 at 7 p.m. Admission is free at the Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda Ave. in Culver City.

This year the mix of music is exciting and diverse. Tony Spano will be directing both the Concert Band and the Concert Choir. The Concert Choir will offer these new and perennial favorites: "Shalom," "Carol of the Bells," "Dashing Through the Snow," "African Praise Noel," and "Sing Alleluia, Allelu." The Concert Band will be playing Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," "Hatikvah" and "Hymnsong Variations."

Lisa Michel will be directing AVPA's Chamber Singers who will perform several pieces arranged by Michel herself, including a caroling medley and "Maoz Tzur." They'll also sing a 14th Century song, "A Spotless Rose," a wonderfully funny "Banquet Fugue" and "You Are the New Day."

AVPA Senior Mimi Markoe will help Spano lead AVPA's Jazz Combo in "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" and "Grazing in the Grass."

Paul Witt, who teaches Choir at Culver City Middle School will be directing his students in "Light the Candles of Freedom," "Thanksgiving Calypso," "But the Dog Really Did Eat My Homework," and one of their holiday favorites, "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer."

According to Spano, "The concert itself will be a lot of fun, but we also have quite a finale planned for our audience – all our choir students, accompanied by the band will sing a wonderful medley of holiday favorites. Dozens of students sending us on our way to the holidays."

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or Kristine Hatanaka at 310-842-4200 x6001.

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AVPA's Chamber Singers

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