



Academy of Visual and Performing Arts At Culver City High School

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Hear "American Music" at the Robert Frost Auditorium

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Culver City, CA – May 14, 2009: The Culver City High School Music Department presents its annual Spring Music Concert on Wednesday, May 27, at 7 pm in the Robert Frost Auditorium, 4401 Elenda Street. The finale of the music program's 2008-09 year includes the high school's Concert Choir and Concert Band, both directed by Dr. Tony Spano. They will be joined by the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts' (AVPA) Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and Percussion, Flute and String Ensembles. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.



The theme of the concert is "American Music." Some of the featured works are a choral setting of a theme from Dvorak's "New World Symphony" entitled "Goin' Home." The Concert Band will perform a stunning arrangement of "America The Beautiful" called "Amber Waves of Grain." The Band will also finish the concert with America's most beloved march, Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."



"Don't Get Around Much Anymore" and the Rodgers and Hart tune "This Can't Be Love," both classics from the Great American Songbook.

The spring concert is also the last concert for many graduating seniors who will be recognized during the program, including those who are graduating from the AVPA. The AVPA Chamber Singers are directed by Lisa Michel, which will perform American composer Aaron Copland's "Ching-A-Ring-Chaw," as well as Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean A Thing." The AVPA Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Spano, will feature vocal soloists performing Ellington's

The AVPA Percussion Ensemble will perform two contrasting works – “Street Beats” and a fun arrangement of the “William Tell Overture.” The ensemble is directed by Matt North, who coached the Culver High Centaur Marching Band’s drumline in the fall.

“We are proud to present the results of a semester’s worth of work by all our students,” says Dr. Spano.

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 310-842-4200 x6001.

Photo captions:

Chamber: The AVPA Chamber Singers

Jazz: The AVPA Jazz Ensemble (back two rows) with the AVPA Chamber Singers (front row)

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