



**Academy of Visual and Performing Arts  
At Culver City High School**

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**Culver City High School and AVPA Present Annual Winter Concert**

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**Culver City – December 6, 2007:**

Culver City High School and its Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) presents the annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 19, at 7 pm in the Robert Frost Auditorium (4401 Elenda St., Culver City). The free concert will feature the high school's Concert Band and Concert Choir, both directed by Dr. Tony Spano. Three outstanding AVPA ensembles will also perform on the program. The AVPA Chamber Singers, with their



director Lisa Michel, will perform selections ranging from holiday, to madrigal, to gospel works. The AVPA Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Tony Spano, will also present standard jazz numbers, such as *Satin Doll*. The program will also feature the debut of AVPA's newest musical organization – The Percussion Ensemble. Under

student director George Mikhail, the ensemble will perform one of Mikhail's own original compositions.



The Chamber Singers have been performing throughout the community this holiday season, sharing their vocal talents for the Culver City Rotary Club, at the Westfield Fox Hills Mall, and recently at AVPA's Night of A Thousand Stars benefit at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

**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

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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.

### Photo captions:

- 1) AVPA Chamber Singers with Director Lisa Michel
- 2) AVPA Jazz Ensemble rehearses at the Kirk Douglas Theatre

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