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Foundation for the Performing Arts Center Receives \$382,074 Bequest

(San Luis Obispo, CA, May, 2014) The Foundation for the Performing Arts Center is grateful to acknowledge Messrs. William F. Mooney and Wilbur Wurster for their generous bequest in support of the Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo.

Messrs. Mooney and Wurster joined the Foundation's Legacy Society in 1995. The Legacy Society is a passionate group of performing arts lovers who have included the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center in their estate plans or have made arrangements for other planned gifts.

Clifton Swanson, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors, stated, "The recent bequest from the estate of William F. Mooney and Wilbur Wurster is an example of how membership in the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center's Legacy Society can benefit an entire community. The Foundation routinely places bequests in its endowment to support the operations of the Performing Arts Center. As a result, the hall is made available to community groups at a greatly reduced cost and it's one of the reasons that the arts flourish in San Luis Obispo. Thank you to all of our current Legacy Members for taking care of the long-range plans and needs of our very special hall."

Moreover, this gift creates great momentum in the early stages of the Foundation's endowment campaign. "While I cannot share details of the campaign at this time, I can say this bequest positions the Foundation to succeed in our goal to grow our endowment, and is a testament to the importance, relevance, and impact of the Foundation's work in the community," stated Heather Cochrane, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Cochrane continued, "I wish I had been better acquainted with Mr. Mooney. While I did not have the chance to get to personally know either Bill or Wil, I know they were active, avid supporters of the arts in our community during their lifetimes. We are truly grateful for their decision to continue their support with this bequest."

The Foundation provides and promotes an extraordinary and accessible center for the performing arts that elevates the arts in our community, in collaboration with its partners, California Polytechnic State University and the City of San Luis Obispo. Each year hundreds of generous individuals and local businesses make contributions to the Foundation to keep the Performing Arts Center thriving, well-equipped, affordable, and accessible. The Foundation is a community-based 501(c)3 organization located in downtown San Luis Obispo.

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