

World-Renowned Trumpeter to Play with SWOSU Bands

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Dr. Leonard Candelaria

Dr. Leonard Candelaria, former president of the International Trumpet Guild and artist-in-residence at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, will perform with two bands during upcoming concerts at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Candelaria will perform on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 21-22, both at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

The Symphonic Band and Community Band, both conducted by James South, will perform on Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Candelaria will perform Leroy Anderson's Trumpeter's Lullaby with the Community Band. The concert will also feature graduate assistant conductors Rob Miller and Joy Unruh.

On Friday, April 22, the Wind Ensemble will present its final concert of the semester. Candelaria will perform the Rafael Méndez version of La Virgen de la Macarena, the Sonata for Trumpet and Wind Ensemble by American composer Kent Kennan, and the Concerto for Two Trumpets by Antonio Vivaldi. SWOSU Director of Bands Dr. James South will perform on trumpet along with the guest soloist on the Vivaldi Concerto.

Other pieces featured on the concert will be the Symphony in Bb by Paul Hindemith; Heroes, Lost and Fallen: A Vietnam Memorial by David Gillingham; and a special arrangement of the Star Spangled Banner by Gene Currie.

Candelaria was formerly Regents Professor of Music at the University of North Texas, where he taught for 26 years. He has appeared as a trumpet soloist in several countries, including Russia and Taiwan, as well as throughout the United States. His students hold teaching positions in universities throughout the world and several perform with professional orchestras or service bands in Europe, Mexico and the United States. He has adjudicated prestigious international trumpet competitions in Russia, Europe and the United States.

Candelaria last appeared with the SWOSU Wind Ensemble in Weatherford in 1999.

Candelaria's appearance is sponsored by the SWOSU Dept of Music and Edwards Instrument Company.

Additional information about the concerts is available by calling 580.774.3708 or 580.774.3717.