Sac State Strings make holiday music

Children and music go hand-in-hand at Christmas, and when the children are the ones playing the music, it makes for a very memorable evening.

Sacramento State’s annual String Project holiday concert will be held in Capistrano Hall’s Music Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. The free performance features 75 children ages 5 to 17 playing violin, viola, cello and string bass.

The String Project provides opportunities for young people from the local community to play stringed instruments. They are taught by Sac State music majors, who gain valuable experience teaching and leading their young charges under the guidance of master teacher Judy Bossuat and assistant Timothy Stanley.

This year’s concert includes “Bright Star” by Bruce Chase, “Balloon Man” by Sue Roberts and orchestrated by Thom Sharp, and “Antique Echoes” by Deborah Baker Monday.

The performance is a perfect way for adults and their children to enjoy a concert together.

“We have been working hard to make this the best we can,” says 17-year-old violist Emerson Havey.

“People should come because we are good at playing music,” adds 10-year-old cellist Mackenzie Perkins.

For more information on the concert and the String Project, visit http://www.csus.edu/stringproject/ or call (916) 278-5155. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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