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Comedian & political satirist songwriter Roy Zimmerman in concert, Thursday, January 22, 2009

Comedian & political satirist songwriter **Roy Zimmerman** in concert, Thursday, January 22nd, 8:00 PM in the Cal Poly Pomona Music Recital Hall, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768. Tickets are \$15 general admission / \$10 student, available at <http://csupomona.tix.com> or through the CPP Publicity Office, 24-142, (909) 869-3554. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Songwriting master class 3:00-5:00 PM, open to the public, FREE.

SPECIAL EVENT: The Cal Poly Pomona Music Department is pleased bring political satirist and songwriter **Roy Zimmerman** back for another concert. "There's nothing funny about World Peace," Roy observes. "Social Justice never killed at The Comedy Store. If we ever attain a worldwide consciousness of peace and justice, I'll be happily out of a job." In the meantime, Zimmerman finds ripe material for his hilarious and often caustic songs inspired from a world of war, poverty, ignorance, hypocrisy and greed.

Roy Zimmerman's concert will take place Thursday, January 22nd, 8:00 PM in the Cal Poly Pomona Music Recital Hall. Proceeds from the concert will fund scholarships for Music Industry Studies students at Cal Poly Pomona. Tickets are \$15 general admission/\$10 student, available at <http://csupomona.tix.com> or through the CPP Publicity Office, 24-142, (909) 869-3554. Parking is \$5 per vehicle.



The afternoon before the concert, Zimmerman will conduct a songwriting master class with the concert's producer Professor Arthur Winer. The songwriting master class, free and open to the public, will take place from 3:00–5:00 PM in the Music Recital Hall (the same venue as the concert). In the master class, Zimmerman will critique original songs performed by Cal Poly Pomona students. "Although Roy's music fits primarily in the folk/protest tradition, he is a highly-skilled all-around lyricist and musician," notes Prof. Winer. "Some of our students won't agree with Zimmerman's political views, but they could all benefit from the advice of such a skilled songwriter."

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About Roy Zimmerman

Political satirist and songwriter Roy Zimmerman founded and wrote all the material for the comedy folk quartet The Foremen, who recorded four albums, two of them for Warner/Reprise Records. The Foremen toured extensively, playing the nation's major folk venues, a lot of fancy Progressive benefits, Pete Seeger's Clearwater Festival (under an overpass in the rain) and CBGB's. They even warmed up the crowd for President Bill Clinton. Now, Zimmerman is touring a one-man show of original songs and comic commentary from his new album *Thanks for the Support*.

Roy Zimmerman has played clubs across the country, and shared the stage with George Carlin, Bill Maher, Kate Clinton, Dennis Miller, Sandra Tsing Loh, kd lang, Andy Borowitz and Paul Krassner. He's done several shows with The Pixies' Frank Black, swapping songs in a solo acoustic setting. His up-to-the-moment topical songs are featured on American Public Media's syndicated broadcast "Weekend America" and Sirius Radio's "West Coast Live."

Press about Roy Zimmerman

The Los Angeles Times says, "Zimmerman displays a lacerating wit and keen awareness of society's foibles that bring to mind a latter-day Tom Lehrer."

Tom Lehrer himself says, "I congratulate Roy Zimmerman on reintroducing literacy to comedy songs. And the rhymes actually rhyme, they don't just 'rhyne.'"

Joni Mitchell says, "Roy's lyrics move beyond poetry and achieve perfection."

About the Music Industry Studies program:

The rapidly-growing Music Industry Studies (MIS) program at Cal Poly Pomona currently comprises half of the Music department's 230 undergraduate majors. The program's wide-ranging curriculum provides students with a solid foundation in music theory, history, performance, production, recording technology, and business—as well as a well-rounded university education. MIS students tailor their studies to emphasize in music business, production or recording. Furthermore, in preparation for careers in music, all MIS students complete internships throughout the music industry.

Contact Information

For tickets and concert information, please contact CPP Music publicist Teresa Kelley at (909) 869-3554 or at tkelly@csupomona.edu. For questions regarding the MIS program, please contact Prof. Arthur Winer at (909) 869-3412 or ahwiner@csupomona.edu. For questions regarding donations for MIS scholarships through the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, please contact Lisa Nashua, CLASS Director of Development, at (909) 869-6848 or lnashua@csupomona.edu. The Cal Poly Pomona Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

Cal Poly Pomona Music Department Proudly Presents

Roy Zimmerman

Comedian & Political Satirist Songwriter

Thursday 1.22.09

8:00 pm

\$15 general/\$10 student

Songwriting

Master Class

3:00-5:00PM FREE

Open to the public

CPP songwriters & special guests work with Roy on music & lyrics. To participate, e-mail Prof. Arthur Winer at ahwiner@csupomona.edu

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