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From the moment Kory Katseanes lets the tip of his baton drop, audiences know that the next 90 minutes will be sensational. As director of the School of Music and of Orchestras at Brigham Young University, Katseanes oversees the orchestral program that accommodates more than 400 students enrolled in five university orchestras, and directs the graduate orchestral conducting program. He conducts the BYU Chamber Orchestra and BYU Philharmonic in their campus concerts, throughout Utah, and on their regular worldwide tours.

In addition to conducting studies with renowned conductor Joseph Rosenstock, Katseanes has degrees in violin performance from the University of Utah and was a member of the Utah Symphony for 26 years, 17 of those serving as assistant conductor. While conducting the Utah Symphony he collaborated with such guest artists as The King's Singers, The Chieftains, Kathy Mattea, Nanci Griffiths, Judy Collins, Art Garfunkel, Mel Tormé, Marvin Hamlisch, Ray Charles, Maureen McGovern, Rosemary Clooney, Chet Atkins, Michael Martin Murphy, Crystal Gayle, Riders in the Sky, The Manhattan Rhythm Kings, Carol Channing, Toni Tenille, Lou Rawls, The Dukes of Dixieland, Pete Fountain, Roger Miller, The Kingston Trio, Sandy Duncan, The Children's Group, Flash Cadillac, Magic Circle Mime, and The Stars of Broadway, among others. His work with dance companies includes Rudolph Nureyev and Friends, Repertory Dance Theatre, and the Twin Cities Ballet.

He was the founder and music director of The Utah Virtuosi, a professional chamber orchestra in Salt Lake City. A founding member of College Orchestra Directors Association (CODA), Professor Katseanes is a frequent guest conductor and clinician, and has performed choral and orchestral concerts with community and student orchestras in Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, and Utah.

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For several years, Professor Katseanes was the founder and Music Director of The Utah Virtuosi, a professional chamber orchestra in Salt Lake City. Many acclaimed performances around Utah included such guest artists as Joann Ottley, Reid Nibley, Andres Cardenes, and the Jenson-Woodbury Duo. As a guest conductor, he has performed choral and orchestral concerts with community and student orchestras in Utah, Illinois, and Florida.

Katseanes received masters and bachelors degrees from the University of Utah, and an associate's degree from Ricks College. He completed his conducting studies with renowned conductor Josef Rosenstock. As a violinist, his teachers included Lamar Barrus, Oscar Chausow, Kathryn Katseanes, Zvi Zeitlin, and Elaine Richey. He has also been on the faculties of Illinois Wesleyan University, Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho), and the Violin Making School of America.

The Chamber Orchestra, which Professor Katseanes conducts on tour, originates in the School of Music in the College of Fine Arts and Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. BYU is one of the nation's largest private universities with an enrollment of 30,000 students from throughout the United States and 110 foreign countries.

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