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WIND SYMPHONY

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Experience a concert that will provide a thrill for your senses as the sounds of mighty brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments wash over you. The Brigham Young University Wind Symphony, America's most widely toured university concert band, will treat audiences to its powerful melodies while they perform at (Place) on (Date) at (Time).

BYU's Wind Symphony is now under the directorship of Dr. Donald Peterson, Director of Bands at Brigham Young University and 21-year veteran director of the BYU Cougar Marching Band and Symphonic Band. Before coming to BYU, Peterson was band director at American Fork High School in American Fork, Utah, for nine years during which he led the concert, marching and jazz bands to numerous awards and recognitions. He has received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education from Brigham Young University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in instrumental conducting from Arizona State University. Peterson is also an active adjudicator and guest conductor, having served in these capacities in 21 states and 12 countries.

Since 1988, the Wind Symphony has toured throughout the United States and other countries such as China, Taiwan, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and Scandinavia. One New Zealand newspaper, *North Eastern Telegraph*, commented, "The faultless precision and control of the players...almost made one gasp with incredulous wonder."

As of now the Wind Symphony is preparing for an extended tour to Asia in May of 2015. The Wind Symphony will perform in eight different cities between Mongolia, South Korea and Japan.

The most recent tour for the group was in April and May 2012, where they travelled to Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, and France. They were invited to perform in the 850th anniversary of Freiberg, Germany, as well as the Liberation Celebration in Netherlands. They shared the stage with Orkest Orventus at a performance

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titled “Hands Across the Sea.” The group enchanted audiences, who called for as many as three encores in some cities.

In May of 2009, the Wind Symphony embarked on its first-ever tour of South Korea and Japan. They performed in multiple venues across both countries and presented joint concerts with some of East Asia’s most honored wind symphonies, including the Pusan Wind Orchestra.

In 2007, Wind Symphony traveled the Eastern United States. Stopping in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C., the students were able to share their highly-acclaimed sound with enthusiastic crowds.

In April 2005, Wind Symphony toured Scandinavia and made a distinct impression in a part of the world already famous for its wind bands. The tour included 22 performances ranging in size from the open-air, bandstand performance at the United Nations’ Family Day celebrations in Stockholm, to a private concert done in the home of M. Teel Bivins, United States Ambassador to Sweden.

The professional quality of the Wind Symphony’s performances has resulted in prestigious invitations to perform for the College Band Directors National Association and for the American Bandmasters’ Association. The ensemble has been given a “recommended” rating from the American National Endowment of the Arts.

The Wind Symphony originates in the School of Music of 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 30,000 students from throughout the United States and 110 foreign countries.

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