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# News Release

**PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

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Professor Kory Katseanes is the Director of the School of Music and the Director of Orchestras at Brigham Young University. As Director of Orchestras at BYU, he oversees the orchestral program that accommodates nearly 450 students enrolled in the five university orchestras, and directs the graduate orchestral conducting program. He conducts the BYU Philharmonic and the BYU Chamber Orchestra in their concerts on campus and throughout Utah, and on their international tours.

Professor Katseanes, a Blackfoot, Idaho native, moved to Salt Lake City in 1974 to continue his education. He joined the Utah Symphony in 1975 as a violinist, and served as Assistant Conductor of the Symphony from 1987 to 2002. As Assistant Conductor of the Utah Symphony, he appeared regularly during the season on the Entertainment, Youth, and Family Series, and was often featured at Deer Valley, Snowbird, and Abravanel Hall on the Summer Pop concert series. Other performances included special concerts locally and on tour throughout Utah and surrounding western states. In addition, he played a significant role in educational programs of the Utah Symphony, programming and conducting major portions of the concerts the orchestra performed in Utah's schools over the years.

While conducting the Utah Symphony, he collaborated with guest artists 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, Sandy Patty, Lou Rawls, The Dukes of Dixieland, Pete Fountain, Roger Miler, The Kingston Trio, Sandy Duncan, The Children's Group, Flash Cadillac, Magic Circle

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Mime, and The Stars of Broadway. He has conducted performances with renowned dance companies, such as Rudolph Nureyev and Friends, Repertory Dance Theater, and the Twin Cities Ballet.

For several years, Professor Katseanes was the founder and Music Director of The Utah Virtuosi, a professional chamber orchestra in Salt Lake City. His many acclaimed performances around Utah include with guest artists 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 a master's and a bachelor's degree 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 Philharmonic Orchestra, directed by Katseanes, 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 120 foreign countries.

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