
Fact Sheet

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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- Brigham Young University's Chamber Orchestra plays an expansive variety of classical music, including traditional orchestral works for small orchestra.
- The orchestra's most recent tour in May of 2014 took the group to Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, and Turkey.
- The Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Professor Kory Katseanes. He is currently Director of the BYU School of Music, as well as Director of Orchestras within the School of Music, overseeing the orchestral program that accommodates nearly 450 students enrolled in the five university orchestras. He also directs the graduate orchestral conducting program. Professor Katseanes also served as Assistant Conductor of the Utah Symphony from 1987 to 2002.
- The ensemble consists of 45 musicians, including string, woodwind, brass, and percussion players. Members, ranging between the ages of 18 and 27, come from all parts of the United States. Most are pursuing professional degrees in music performance or education.
- Chamber musicians follow a demanding schedule which includes the preparation of their campus concerts during the academic year (September to April) on the university campus, in addition to regional and international tours.
- In the spring of 2011, the orchestra visited China, performing in the annual Meet in Beijing Arts Festival. They combined with the Beijing Dance Academy, as well as with orchestras from four universities in China for concerts and workshops.
- The orchestra traveled to the Pacific Northwest in May 2009, giving 5 concerts in Idaho and Oregon.
- The group was presented in the famous Carnegie Hall, as well as in many other performance locations throughout the historic eastern United States cities in a tour in May 2008.
- In May 2006, the Chamber Orchestra took their repertoire to England, Wales, and Scotland.
- In February 2002 the Chamber Orchestra, as part of the BYU Philharmonic Orchestra, recorded music for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games, and also performed two concerts at that time.
- The Orchestra has performed throughout the U.S., Europe, China, Egypt, Israel, and Jordan.
- The Chamber Orchestra 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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