

## Facts 2019-2020 Season

## Chamber Orchestra

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- Brigham Young University's Chamber Orcestra participated as a member of the 40th anniversary BYU Spectacular in China.
- The Chamber Orchestra plays an expansive variety of classical music, including traditional orchestral works for small orchestra.
- In 2017, the Chamber Orchestra performed with Broadway star Lea Salonga once at BYU and then again in her hometown of Manila, Philippines.
- The ensemble traveled to the Philippines, where they performed in Manila, Bohol, and Cebu. During their three-week tour, they performed with The Voice Philippines star Tim Pavino, Universite of Philippines Orchestra, and Broadway star Lea Salonga.
- The Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Professor Kory Katseanes. He is the director of the Chamber Orchestra and the Philharmonic Orchestra, overseeing many students with talents in musicianship. Professor Katseanes also served as Assistant Conductor of the Utah Symphony from 1987 to 2002.
- The ensemble consists of 43 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.
- The Chamber Orchestra 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 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 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 100 foreign countries.

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