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CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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The Chamber Orchestra's first note can whisper, shock, and surprise, but it will always thrill you. With 49 of the most advanced student musicians the school has to offer, the Brigham Young University Chamber Orchestra is, in a word, inspiring. This widely-acclaimed ensemble, known for its energetic, impressive, and exciting performances, will present a concert at (place) on (date) at (time).

Chamber Orchestra's repertoire covers centuries of music in the classical genre. The musicians present the music with skill and emotion that any audience will admire. Kory Katseanes conducts the ensemble which comprises talented students from around the world pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in music performance and education. The orchestra performs tours throughout the United States and around the world. The ensemble often collaborates with BYU's acclaimed opera, choral, and ballet departments and frequently present workshops and clinics in conjunction with their tours for young musicians.

In May of 2014 the orchestra travelled to Europe on a tour that consisted of visiting and performing in Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, and Turkey. While on this tour the orchestra had the privilege to perform with renown European musicians including Massimiliano Frani, Roberto De Maio, Emre Elivar, and Latif Bolat. The orchestra also had the privilege of performing in benefit concerts that helped restore Logotec, Slovenia after suffering from a recent devastating flood as well as help fund medical equipment for hospitals in Budapest, Hungary.

In the spring of 2011, the orchestra traveled to China with a new collection of music for a two-week tour featuring classic works from some of history's best and most beloved composers. The Chamber Orchestra spent time in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, and Suzhou, playing public concerts in prestigious venues and performing side by side with some of China's own music and dance ensembles.

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Before that, the Chamber Orchestra traveled throughout Idaho and Oregon in May of 2009. The group performed their concert, "*Seasons and Surprises*," to five cities, performing six times in only five days. The concert included such favorites as Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" and Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

In May and June of 2008, the ensemble members explored their American roots as they performed in historic and famous landmarks of the Eastern United States. Their masterfully disciplined sounds were heard by more than 7,000 people on stages built in historic American cities, including the famous Carnegie Hall of New York City and Faneuil Hall of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Chamber Orchestra returned in May 2006 from a three-week tour through England and Scotland. They performed for over 5,500 people and gave 12 concerts in prestigious venues such as the Radlett Center in Radlett, England, and Snape Maltings Concert Hall in Snape, England.

Audiences in Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Switzerland, Italy, and Greece welcomed the group in 2004 with enthusiastic applause at each of their 18 performances. The orchestra members were excited to present their repertoire in countries where many of their pieces originated. "When we played Rossini, they loved it," said director Kory Katseanes of their performance in Italy. "In fact, we had to play it again. That was a great experience, to feel like we touched a nerve, a cultural nerve." Performances throughout the United States, Europe, China, and Israel make the orchestra program at BYU one of the most widely-traveled university programs in the country.

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 110 foreign countries.

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