Building on Centuries of Orchestral Tradition

From Baroque to the 21st Century, BYU Chamber Orchestra plays it all. Chamber Orchestra’s first note can whisper, shock, surprise, and even thrill you. No matter which emotion is elicited, one thing to be sure of is that the performance will be breathtaking. With 49 of the most advanced student musicians the school has to offer, the Brigham Young University Chamber Orchestra is incredibly inspiring. This widely-acclaimed ensemble, known for its energetic, impressive, and exciting performances, will present a concert at (place) on (date) at (time). Conducted by Professor Nathan Haines, the Chamber Orchestra programs feature great classical repertoire written for small orchestras from all musical periods. The vast variety of music the orchestra performs showcases the refinement and energy of this compact ensemble.
BYU Chamber Orchestra

Composed of 49 musicians, BYU Chamber Orchestra is one of the most traveled university orchestras in the world. The ensemble includes string, woodwind, brass, and percussion players. Most of the students are pursuing professional degrees in music performance or education. Chamber Orchestra follows a demanding performance schedule that includes preparing for their campus concerts, in addition to regional and international tours. Chamber Orchestra also prepares material specifically designed to accompany well-known artists on tour.

In 2017, the orchestra performed twice with Broadway star Lea Salonga, once at BYU and once in Manila, Philippines, Salonga’s hometown. The orchestra performed in Quezon City, Manila, Bohol, and Cebu while there and also shared a stage with The Voice Philippines star Tim Pavino.

In 2019 Chamber Orchestra took part in BYU’s Spectacular in China. While overseas, they traveled to Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi’an to celebrate 40 years of friendship with China. Though Chamber Orchestra enjoys learning from classical composers, they are no stranger to contemporary works. Their concerts have something for everyone.
BYU 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 more than 30,000 students from throughout the United States and over 100 foreign countries.

Artistic Director

From the moment Nathan Haines lifts his baton, audiences know that the next 90 minutes will be sensational. Director of both Chamber Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra, Haines oversees many talented students.

He holds a Ph.D. in Orchestral Conducting and Music Education from Florida State University, where he served as the associate conductor of orchestras, taught courses in conducting, and pursued research in the art of conducting and music education under the mentorship of Dr. Alexander Jiménez.

Dr. Haines is a strong advocate for the orchestral arts, particularly in new and innovative projects. In 2021, he co-founded the Studio Orchestra at FSU to create and perform music in film, video game, and other commercial media. He recruited over 80 students, faculty, and staff to participate, serving as both president and music director.

Earlier in his professional career, Haines served as the principal conductor and music director of the Utah Philharmonic Orchestra in Bluffdale, Utah. Over the course of three seasons, he led growth efforts that doubled the size of the orchestra and significantly increased audience attendance through his innovative and engaging programming.
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