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# Fact Sheet

## YOUNG AMBASSADORS

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- The Young Ambassadors are a group of singers, dancers, and musicians who have gained a reputation for entertaining excellence through energetic and heart-warming musical theater entertainment.
- The Young Ambassadors perform *Heartsongs: Melodies of Love*, a stage production celebrating favorites from some of America's best-loved musical scores like *Singing in the Rain*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and the Rodgers and Hammerstein *Cinderella*. The show also highlights hits from artists like The Beatles and Michael Bublé. The Young Ambassadors combine professional sound and staging with captivating choreography into a 90-minute presentation.
- *Heartsongs: Melodies of Love* includes a 10-piece band and a performing cast of 20 singers/dancers. The group is also supported by a crew of student technicians who control lighting, sound, and give backstage support.
- The world-traveled Young Ambassadors perform extensively both nationally and internationally. In the past decade, the group has toured over thirteen states and fourteen countries, including Australia, China, Korea, Brazil and Argentina. Their performances cross cultural bounds and are always enthusiastically received.
- In 2013, the Young Ambassadors toured China. They recently returned from a tour to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam in May 2014.
- Community outreach and service are integral parts of the Young Ambassador tours. During their 2012 tour to South Africa, the group visited to several orphanages, including the Sparrows Nest AIDS village.
- The Young Ambassadors traveled to the Nordic countries in May of 2009, visiting Finland, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. They performed almost 30 times in more than a dozen venues. In February of 2009, the performers also toured New Mexico and Texas.
- In 2002 the Young Ambassadors performed during the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, and took their production to Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alberta, Canada, receiving outstanding reviews.
- The Young Ambassadors first performed internationally at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan, and have since traveled throughout the United States and to 56 foreign countries. They were the first BYU performance group to entertain in the People's Republic of China, Vietnam, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco.
- Randall Boothe has served as the group's director since 1977. Previously, Boothe was a director with Walt Disney Productions, Hawaii's Polynesian Cultural Center, Showcase Hawaii, and the Polynesian Dance Ensemble.
- The Young Ambassadors are produced by the School of Music, in cooperation with the Department of Dance, 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 full-time students from throughout the United States as well as 120 foreign countries.

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