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Noteworthy, BYU's top female a capella ensemble, delivers a power-packed concert that combines vocal percussion, humor and a tight harmony. Noteworthy has appeared on NBC's hit television show, "The Sing-Off," and was crowned the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella (ICCA) champion in 2007.

Noteworthy's varied repertoire includes everything: rock, pop, country, jazz, R&B, spiritual, and other musical styles, which make them a crowd favorite. The performers take the songs from the radio, retool them, and deliver a new rendition, mimicking complex instrumentation with just their mouths. Their powerful, energetic concerts are full of humor and heart, class and charm. Each of the nine Noteworthy members display musical ability, creativity, and stage experience—resulting in original, skillful, and spirited performances.

Noteworthy is currently under the direction of former Vocal Point member Keith Evans. "There's nothing like Noteworthy anywhere else at BYU, or anywhere else, period. The chance to work with such talented, committed ladies to make such exciting, inspiring music is one I cherish. These days, young women can so easily find female role models who don't inspire and uplift. That is what makes it a privilege to direct an ensemble of women who are honest, loyal and virtuous, as well as bright, talented and fun," Evans said.

For Jessica McKay, a returning member of Noteworthy, the show is a great responsibility. Like Evans, McKay has noticed the lack of positive role models in the music industry. "There are moms who

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are so appreciative to have someone they can point out to their children and say ‘you could be like that in the future’ without being afraid of the example we will set.” In addition to the youth, Noteworthy strives to connect with audience members with all types of life experience. “We want to entertain the audience, obviously. But we also hope they are able to tap into special memories, whether that is with the music or an experience from the past.”

Noteworthy is actively creating and collaborating on singles, albums, and music videos. It will be featured in the new Vocal Point album “He is Born” in the traditional carol “Oh Come All Ye Faithful,” to be released in October. The group's newest music video, "Amazing Grace" is an artful combination of its member’s deep spiritual foundation and its contemporary pop style. Noteworthy will also release a “best of” tribute CD to a decade of Noteworthy performers. The group already produced 4 CD’s on their own and has been featured in NBC Sports and in BYU Magazine.

BYU alumni, Esther Yoder, organized Noteworthy in 2003. Noteworthy is managed by BYU Performing Arts Management.

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