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# News Release

**BYU SINGERS**

2015 – 2016 Season

Brigham Young University

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After establishing Brigham Young University Singers as an elite international choir, Dr. Ronald Staheli recently retired from his position as director. Dr. Staheli founded the BYU Singers in 1984, and established the group's international presence through competitions and tours to more than 20 countries. For the first time in 31 years, BYU Singers is led by a new director: Dr. Andrew Crane. This world-renowned choral group will present a special concert under the direction of Dr. Crane at (PLACE) on (DATE) at (TIME).

Andrew Crane was named Associate Professor of Choral Conducting and conductor of the Brigham Young University Singers in 2015. Previous to this appointment, he served for four years as Director of Choral Activities at East Carolina University, and six years in the same position at California State University, San Bernardino. While new to BYU, Crane is no stranger to the Provo, Utah area; he is a former choral director of Provo High School.

Crane received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education and a Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Brigham Young University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from Michigan State University. Choirs under his direction have appeared by invitation at multiple conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and National Association for Music Education, and have won top prizes in international competitions. In 2015, he led the East Carolina University Chamber Singers to first place in the 13<sup>th</sup> Maribor (Slovenia) International Choral Competition Gallus. His winning choir was the only American choir to win in the history of the contest.

Additionally, Dr. Crane enjoys a career as a professional solo and ensemble tenor, and has appeared with groups like the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Yale Choral Artists, Vox Humana, Spire Chamber Ensemble, Tennessee

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Chamber Chorus, Lansing Symphony Orchestra, North Carolina Master Chorale, Carnegie Hall Festival Chorus, and at the Los Angeles Bach Festival. Dr. Crane also appears as a guest conductor, lecturer, clinician, and accompanist.

BYU Singers originates in the School of Music of the College of Fine Arts & 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 100 foreign countries.

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