
News Release

BYU SINGERS

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Brigham Young University

Tour Release

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From China to Carnegie Hall, the Brigham Young University Singers are known for flawless phrasing and impeccable intonation. While grounded in classic choral tradition, their talent extends to pieces of various periods and styles. BYU Singers' repertoire includes international folk songs, hymns, and moving African-American spirituals. The spirit of the music is beautifully expressed by the members of the choir, and once the concert begins, the diverse talents and professionalism of the BYU Singers is apparent. The group will be performing locally in (PLACE) on (DATE) at (TIME).

Dr. Andrew Crane was recently named director of the BYU Singers. He brings to the position a wealth of experience in choral directing and international competition, while maintaining a career as a professional solo and ensemble tenor.

BYU Singers have traveled to over 27 countries throughout the world, including Russia, Romania, Hungary, Austria, England, Wales, Italy, Israel, Egypt, New Zealand, and South Africa. The choir recently returned from their first tour to China. In a 21-day period the group performed in nine different cities and worked with numerous university and community choirs. Previously, the choir showcased their voices in the northwestern portion of the United States as they sing for audiences in Washington and Oregon. In 2014, they were invited to perform at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Conference in Santa Barbara, CA. In 2011 they toured Colorado and Wyoming, giving 11 performances, 10 of which were collaborative efforts with university, college, and high school choirs in the area. In 2009, the BYU Singers participated in the Cork International Choral Festival in Ireland, where they received the Audience Favorite Award sponsored by the P.E.A.C.E. organization.

The BYU Singers have received numerous awards and honors from performing in choir festivals, exclusive conferences, and the most prestigious concert halls in the world. Of their performance in New York's Carnegie

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Hall, Mr. Christos Pavlides said, “I have never experienced anything like this before. It was absolutely wonderful. At times, the voices sounded like musical instruments.” Benjamin Bar’am, an Israeli critic, wrote: “This choir is comprised of exemplary, well-integrated musicians with clear, beautiful voices that achieve remarkable tone color as one voice. Delicate dynamic nuance and meticulously shaped phrasing with exacting intonation evidence the intense training and professionalism of this choir.”

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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