
News Release

BYU SINGERS

2015 – 2016 Season

Brigham Young University

Tour Release

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Since its formation in 1984, Brigham Young University Singers has received growing international acclaim for spellbinding performances of music from a variety of genres. While grounded in classic choral tradition, the choir's talent extends to pieces of various periods and styles. Whether performing a Baroque motet or an African-American spiritual, this elite choral group, directed by Dr. Andrew Crane, receives enthusiastic responses for its remarkable artistry and distinctive style. BYU Singers will be performing locally at (PLACE) on (DATE) at (TIME).

Dr. Andrew Crane was named the newest director of BYU Singers in the summer of 2015 after the retirement of founder Dr. Ronald Staheli. Dr. Crane 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 has traveled to over three continents and 27 countries including Russia, Romania, Hungary, Austria, England, Wales, Italy, Israel, Egypt, New Zealand, and South Africa. During their 21-day tour to China in the summer of 2015, BYU Singers performed in nine different cities and worked with several university and community choirs. In 2014, BYU Singers was invited to perform at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Conference in Santa Barbara, CA. In 2009 the choir 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.

BYU Singers has received numerous awards and honors for performances given in choir festivals, at exclusive conferences, and in some of the most prestigious concert halls in the world. Of the BYU Singers performance in New York's Carnegie Hall, Mr. Christos Pavlides said he has "never experienced anything like this before. It was absolutely wonderful. At times, the voices sounded like musical instruments." According to the *American Record Review*, BYU Singers is a "brilliant and fresh-voiced ensemble [with] razor-sharp intonation."

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BYU Singers originates in the School of Music of the College of Fine Arts & Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Brigham Young University 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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