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Known for its tight harmonies, rhythmic accuracy, and outstanding improvisational scatting abilities, Jazz Voices, Brigham Young University’s acclaimed vocal jazz choir, will be presenting a concert at (PLACE) on (DATE) at (TIME). With its creative performance of traditional and contemporary jazz music, Jazz Voices is sure to keep listeners singin’ and swingin’.

Jazz Voices consists of eight female and eight male singers and a three-piece rhythm section. The group focuses on classical jazz standards from the 30’s and 40’s as well as more contemporary pieces. Jazz Voices performs with accompaniment from their piano, bass, and drum combo as well as a cappella. Their repertoire comes from all styles of jazz including blues, bebop, swing, funk and Latin. They sing standards like “All Blues”, “Open Invitation”, “Silence of Time”, and “Love Makes the World Go Round.”

Allen Matthews continues to expand the group’s reputation and excellence. Matthews has worked closely with former Jazz Voices director Katie Williams and performed with artists such as Ben Folds, the Colorado Symphony, Peter Eldridge, and Frank Mantooth. He has also headlined for Grammy Award winning artist the New York Voices, Kurt Elling, Jackie Allen, Karrin Allyson, Bob Dorough and many others.

In March 2009, Jazz Voices attended the Salt Lake City Jazz Festival where they were featured as part of the spotlight evening performance. They shared the stage with Darmon Meader of New York Voices as well as Michele Weir, two of the world’s most prolific vocal jazz arrangers. The group plans to attend the festival again this spring.

The reputation of Jazz Voices has spread rapidly. The group’s semesterly campus performances receive rave reviews and regularly sell out. Jazz Voices has performed several times at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in
Moscow, Idaho. In 1999, the group was invited to perform before the International Association of Jazz Educators in Los Angeles and again in 2006 in New York City.

While slightly over half of the members of Jazz Voices are music majors, the group includes students majoring in Geology, Anthropology, Mechanical Engineering, and Business. There are also five jazz instrumentalists singing in the group this year.

Jazz Voices originates in the School of Music in the College of Fine Arts and 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 over 120 foreign countries.

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