

GROUP INFORMATION

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY SINGERS

Type of Performance

BYU Singers is not a typical choir. Rather than simply combining a group of pleasant voices in song, BYU Singers unites beautiful voices with fully committed hearts and minds into a choir of one voice that reaches the mind and heart of the listener. The Singers offer a concert of musical expression that lifts and enlivens the soul—an antidote to the cynicism and sarcasm so prevalent in the world. Their concerts consist of music that immediately pleases the ear, warms the heart, and buoys the spirit. Their program will include beautiful new songs that, when experienced with open mind and heart, increase one's capacity to celebrate life, praise God, and find strength beyond our own to meet life's demands and struggles.

BYU Singers' concerts always include hymns and anthems, folk songs and spirituals. Their program incorporates glorious musical expressions of great composers, both past and present. By offering a wide variety of music and styles, BYU Singers want to tickle the fancy, pique the curiosity, stir the spirit, and stimulate the mind of everyone who attends a concert performance.

Watching BYU Singers perform, one sees beyond the radiant faces of choir members into their beautiful hearts and souls. Their captivating voices, openness, and authenticity provide a stunning and joyful concert experience that does not require bright lights, flashy costumes, or a back-up band.

BYU Singers is widely considered to be one of the finest choirs in the United States.

Length of Performance

The concert is 90 minutes in length, and includes an intermission of approximately 10 – 15 minutes.

Group Composition

The group is made up of 45 talented vocalists, drawn from the best of the BYU School of Music and noted for their vocal skills and abilities. Leaders include an artistic director, tour manager, educational advisor and chaperones.

History

BYU Singers were created as a choir in 1984 and first performed internationally in 1985 when they toured in Russia, Austria, Hungary, Romania, and Poland.

Since that first tour the Singers have traveled extensively through Europe, Israel, Russia, Jordan, Egypt, New

Zealand, Australia, Africa, and to many locations in the United States.

BYU Singers have sung often for conventions of the American Choral Directors Association, the Music Educators National Conference, and the National Collegiate Choral Organization.

Most recently, in April 2016 the choir performed throughout Arizona. In 2015, the choir toured to China for 3 weeks, performing public concerts and collaborating with several university-based choirs for workshops and joint performances.