



News Release

2015-2016 Season

BYU SINGERS

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World renowned choral ensemble sings all genres in concert

Since its formation by Dr. Ronald Staheli 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 Renaissance 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.

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 five 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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The Director

In the summer of 2015, Dr. Andrew Crane was named director of Brigham Young University Singers, making him the first new director in over 31 years. Dr. Crane was appointed to direct the elite choir after the retirement of founder Dr. Ronald Staheli. BYU Singers, along with its international fame, will continue to flourish under the direction of Dr. Andrew Crane, who has led his choirs to prestigious conferences and competitions around the globe.

Before working with BYU Singers, Dr. Crane 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. Dr. 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 13th 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 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. 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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