



News Release

2016-2017 Season

BYU SINGERS

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World renowned choral ensemble sings all genres in concert

Directed by **Dr. Andrew Crane**, BYU Singers receives enthusiastic responses for its remarkable artistry and distinctive style. Since its formation by **Dr. Ronald Staheli** in 1984, BYU Singers has attracted **international acclaim** for spellbinding performances of music from a variety of genres, ranging from Renaissance motets to African –American spirituals. 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**.

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Tours

In the summer of 2016, BYU Singers traveled to ten cities in Arizona. Besides traveling in the U.S., the choir has **performed in 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.”

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 105 foreign countries.



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**.



PERFORMANCES OUTSIDE OF PROVO, UT

Friday, February 3, 2017

Eccles Concert Hall – Utah Music Educator’s Association Conference – St. George, UT

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Snow College Concert Hall – Snow College School of Music – Ephriam, UT

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