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# Fact Sheet

## WIND SYMPHONY

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- The Wind Symphony, the premiere concert band of Brigham Young University, consists of approximately 50 of the university's finest woodwind, brass, and percussion players. Group members come from all parts of the United States and from many foreign countries. Most of the musicians are pursuing degrees in music, either in performance, composition, or music education.
- Woodwinds, percussion, and brass instruments combine as the symphony plays energetic marches, classical pieces, original works, and popular Broadway medleys. Student soloists are featured during each concert.
- In addition to a full concert season each year, the Wind Symphony has toured internationally every other year since 1987. The band has performed for audiences throughout the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Republic of China, Russia, the Baltic States, Australia, and New Zealand.
- The next tour for the Wind Symphony is set for May of 2015 and will take them to Asia to perform in Mongolia, South Korea, and Japan.
- Their most recent tour in April and May of 2012, the Wind Symphony toured the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and Germany. Among their performances were the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Freiberg, Germany and the Liberation Celebration in 's-Hertogenbosh, Netherlands.
- The Wind Symphony brought their nationally-recognized sound to East Asia when they traveled to Japan and South Korea in May 2009. Thousands of spectators had the opportunity to listen to the Wind Symphony perform with some of East Asia's most honored wind orchestras in several well-known venues.
- In May 2001, the Wind Symphony traveled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. While in Germany, the group conducted a workshop for the City Youth Wind Orchestra.
- The Wind Symphony played in 11 Scandinavian cities in April and May of 2005, including the capitals of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. The group performed at various venues, including the United Nations' Family Day celebration in Stockholm and a private concert for the U.S. ambassador to Sweden.
- The band received national recognition when it was selected to perform at the College Band Directors National Association and the American Bandmasters' Association.
- The Wind Symphony 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 30,000 students from throughout the United States and 120 foreign countries.

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