

## Facts 2017-18 Season

## Wind Symphony

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- BYU's Wind Symphony, the premier concert band of Brigham Young University, consists of 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.
- Wind Symphony combines the sounds of woodwinds, percussion, and brass instruments for energetic
  marches, classical pieces, original band works, and popular Broadway medleys as well as Jazz music. Student soloists are featured during each concert.
- In addition to a full concert season each year, Wind Symphony has toured internationally every few years since 1987. The band has performed for audiences throughout the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Russia, the Baltic states, Australia, and New Zealand.
- The next tour will take them to Texas in May 2019
- Their most recent tour was to Mongolia, South Korea, and Japan. They shared stages with other musicians such as Mongolian LDS Choir, Busan Wind Orchestra, Eighth U.S. Army Band, and Camarata Chorale.
- 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 Wind Symphony perform with some of East Asia's most honored wind orchestras in several well-known venues.
- In May 2001, 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.
- 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 has received national recognition and has been selected to perform at the College Band Directors National Association and the American Bandmasters' Association.
- BYU 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 more than 100 foreign countries.

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