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BYU Wind Symphony dazzles with mighty sound

Wind Symphony is Brigham Young University's premier concert band. It consists of 50 of the best woodwind, brass, and percussion players. BYU Wind Symphony is also one of America's most traveled collegiate concert band. Led by director Don Peterson, the band performs a variety of genres that appeals to most audiences. The band's extensive repertoire includes pieces from classical and modern composers such as John Philip Sousa, Dmitri Kabalevsky, Leroy Anderson, and Bruce Broughton.

BYU Wind Symphony provides an exhilarating experience with the sounds of mighty brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. It will carry you to the wondrous world of instrumental music as it washes over your. Their performance is not to be missed at (PLACE) on (DATE) at (TIME).



Wind Symphony

Being one of America's most traveled university concert band, BYU Wind Symphony has performed in Asia, Europe, South Pacific, and the Baltic states. In 2018, the band will travel to Australia for the first time since 1991.

Wind Symphony's most recent tour was to Australia in 2018, marking the first time for Wind Symphony to travel to Australia since 1991. While there, Wind Symphony enjoyed a performance with Australian Broadway singer Patrice Tipoki. Wind Symphony will travel to Texas in May 2019.

Previous to that tour, BYU Wind Symphony traveled to Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, and France in 2012. They were invited to perform in the 850th anniversary of Freiberg, Germany as well as the Liberation Celebration in Netherlands. They shared the stage with Orkest Orventus at a performance titled, "Hands Across the Sea." The group enchanted audiences, who called for as many as three encores in some cities.

The professional quality of Wind Symphony's performances has resulted in prestigious invitations to perform for the College Band Directors National Association and for The American Bandmasters Association. The ensemble has been given a "recommended" rating from the American National Endowment for the Arts.

New Zealand newspaper, North Eastern Telegraph, once commented, "The faultless precision and control of the players... almost made one gasp with incredulous wonder."



Artistic Director

Brigham Young University's Wind Symphony is led by director Dr. Shawn Smith, who has held the position for more than ten years.

Dr. Smith received his Doctor of Musical Arts in Instrumental Conducting from Arizona State University, and his Master of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from Louisiana State University and Boise State University respectively.

In high demand as a band and orchestra conductor, clinician, and adjudicator, Smith has been invited to conduct professional and educational ensembles throughout the United States, South America, and Europe. Smith has also been invited to conduct region and all-state bands in Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Texas, and Utah.

Equally at home with opera and musical theater productions, Smith has conducted pit orchestras for the Marriage of Figaro and a six-week run of Les Miserables. His performances have been heard numerous times on American Public Media's "Performance Today," the most popular classical music radio program in the United States. In 2015 Smith was awarded second place for the American Prize in the Conducting-Professional Band Division. Smith has been published in the Journal of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles and in Alta Musica. He has presented his research at national and international conferences in the United States, Europe, and South America.

Smith currently resides in Utah and serves as Associate Professor of Conducting and Director of Bands in the Brigham Young University School of Music.





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