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YOUNG AMBASSADORS

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An extended performing tour to Southeast Asia is a once in a lifetime opportunity, or at least that is how it seemed to 18-year-old Young Ambassador Randy Boothe in 1970. Today, Boothe has not only returned to his former performance sites, but also covered the globe for his responsibilities as the Young Ambassadors Artistic Director. Eric Hansen, a former Young Ambassador- now music producer and Show band director- combines years of experience with Boothe to capture the spirit and energy of musical theater.

Randy Boothe began as the Young Ambassador's director in 1977 and has since helped the group become a performance favorite. Along with directing the world renowned Young Ambassadors, Boothe has also directed for Walt Disney Productions, Jackson Hole Playhouse, and Hawaii's Polynesian Cultural Center. Boothe's productions have taken him around the globe with live and televised appearances in over 43 countries. His musical presentations have been performed for royalty and government officials in elegant concert halls, as well as for children in hospitals and orphanages. His work was even seen during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games where he co-directed a major production involving hundreds of cast members.

Eric Hansen's work with the Young Ambassadors began thirty years ago when he performed the bass in the group's live band; he now returns as the Young Ambassador's music producer and show band director. An alumni of Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University, Hansen has been able to turn his education into a thriving career performing with such companies as: the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Musik Barock Ensemble, the Baltimore Opera Orchestra, and the National Chamber Orchestra in Washington D.C. Hansen's career as a recitalist has taken him to venues across the U.S., Canada, Austria, China, and Poland. In regards to

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returning to work with the Young Ambassadors Hansen says, “It is a deep joy and privilege for me to now be one of the directors, and particularly to be able to once again serve on the front lines of actively sharing the image, message, stature, and values of BYU to the world.”

The Young Ambassadors represent the School of Music in cooperation with the Department of Dance from the College of Fine Arts and Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. BYU is one of America’s largest private universities with more than 30,000 students from all over the United States and 105 foreign countries.

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