



## News Release

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## Young Ambassadors

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## Young Ambassadors sings the best Broadway tunes

Every year, millions of children all over the globe are fed, loved, taught and nurtured at home. Moms and dads discover a lot of fun surprises along the journey of growing up with their kids. Home, for many lucky families, is that safe haven from this crazy, fast-paced, and sometimes un-welcoming world. Learning to work, to play, to share and trust, to be kind and to love, begins, for so many, right at home with their family. With tours currently scheduled in China and across the United States, BYU Young Ambassadors invites you to join in a celebration of the family with their musical revue—*Welcome Home*.

Come along on our family road trip with its unexpected twists and turns or enjoy a fun family night at the movies. Featuring songs and dances from many eras, *Welcome Home* is an upbeat scrapbook of cherished memories. Don't miss BYU Young Ambassadors' exhilarating new production when their singers and dancers and a live 10-piece band stop over for a visit to (place) on (date) at (time).



## Young Ambassadors

Young Ambassadors is a group filled with members who are excited to share their talents, experiences, and love through their show, *Welcome Home*. With tours in 68 countries over 46 years, the world-traveled troupe shares decades of the best in entertainment with music by recording artists Ed Sheeran, Billy Joel, Judy Garland, the Beach Boys, Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley and Frank Sinatra. *Welcome Home*, a musical kaleidoscope of family fun, delivers dynamic choreography, colorful costumes and a musical lineup of international hits and popular Broadway show tunes from *Hamilton*, *Footloose*, *In the Heights*, *Singin' in the Rain* and the beloved *Wizard of Oz*.

Since 2000, Young Ambassadors have been to Brazil, Argentina, the 2002 Winter Olympics, Canada, Russia, Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, China, Africa, Tasmania, throughout Scandinavia, and all over the U.S. Young Ambassadors have also performed for heads of state in India, Britain, Jordan, Egypt, Japan, and the United States. Prominent past members include former Miss America Sharlene Wells Hawkes, Diamond Rio's Dan Truman, and Broadway favorites Christeena Michelle Riggs and Candese Marchese.

Throughout the world, Young Ambassadors are followed by a strong reputation as wholesome, professional entertainers. The group has recently traveled to Brazil this past summer to share their message and show. This year, they will take their show to cities in Nevada, California, and China.

Young Ambassadors represents 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 100 foreign countries.



## Artistic Director

In 1970, eighteen-year-old Young Ambassador member, Randy Boothe had no idea that only a few years later, in 1977 till the present day, he would travel the globe as Young Ambassadors Artistic Director. In addition to his work with 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 work was even seen during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games where he co-directed a major production involving hundreds of cast members. His musical groups have performed for children in hospitals and orphanages and for royalty and government officials in elegant concert halls.



## Artistic Director

Eric Hansen's time with Young Ambassadors began thirty years ago as a member of the group's live band; he now returns as Young Ambassadors' music producer and show band director. An alumnus of Johns Hopkins University's Peabody Conservatory, Hansen has been able to turn his music education into a thriving career performing as principal bass with groups such as the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, Musik Barock Ensemble, Talbot Chamber Orchestra, Great Music West Festival Orchestra, and National Chamber Orchestra in Washington, D.C. On returning to work with 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."



## Upcoming Performances

**February 8, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Las Vegas Academy  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**February 12, 2019 at 7:30pm**

Liberty High School  
Bakersfield, California

**February 13, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Agoura Hills High School Performing Arts Center  
Agoura Hills, California

**February 15, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Poway Center for the Performing Arts  
Poway, California

**February 16, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Ramona High School  
Riverside, California

**February 22, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Heritage Center Theatre  
Cedar City, Utah

**February 23, 2019 at 2:00pm**

LDS Conference Center  
Salt Lake City, Utah

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