



# News Release

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## YOUNG AMBASSADORS

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### Young Ambassadors performs upbeat, family friendly show



Singing and dancing ensemble Young Ambassadors presents a new show, *Heartsongs - Melodies of Love*— a polished and exciting musical production that blends the best of Broadway with favorite international hits and love songs from every genre. *Heartsongs* includes show tunes from award-winning Broadway musicals such as *Mamma Mia!*, *Cinderella*, *All Shook Up*, and *Jersey Boys* and featuring international hits by the Beatles, Elvis Presley, Michael Bublé, Adele in a spirited 90-minute showcase that is appropriate for family members of all ages.

Over the past 44 years, Young Ambassadors has shared remarkable talent and energy in 66 countries such as Brazil, Russia, Korea, Africa, and Tasmania. Young Ambassadors has also performed for royalty and heads of state in India, Britain, Jordan, Egypt, Japan, Thailand, 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 is regarded as a wholesome and professional entertainment troupe.

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## Artistic Director Randy Boothe

In 1970, eighteen-year-old Young Ambassador member Randy Boothe had no idea he would later travel the globe as Young Ambassadors Artistic Director. Boothe became Young Ambassadors' director in 1977 and 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.



## Band Director Eric Hansen



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. Of 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."

*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 105 foreign countries.*

*Tickets and more information available at: <http://pam.byu.edu>*

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