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Welcome Home is an upbeat scrapbook of cherished memories

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 Brazil, China and across the United States, BYU Young Ambassadors invite you to join in a celebration of the family with their **new 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) _.

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The Group

Young Ambassadors is a group filled with members who are **excited to share their talents, experiences, and love** through their new 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 US. The 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**. And the group can't wait to travel to Brazil this summer to share their message.

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.

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The 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.



The Band 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.”



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PERFORMANCES

Welcome Home

12 November at 7:00pm

San Juan High School
Blanding, Utah

18 November at 7:00pm

Wasson High School Auditorium
Colorado Springs, Colorado

19 November at 2:00pm

Colorado Heights University Auditorium
Denver, Colorado

19 November at 7:00pm

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20 January at 7:00pm

Marsh Valley Performing Arts Center
Arimo, Idaho

21 January at 7:00pm

Gem Valley Performing Arts Center
Grace, Idaho

03 February at 7:00pm

Conference Center Theater
Salt Lake City, Utah

04 February at 2:00pm

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