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Noteworthy and Vocal Point

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Noteworthy and Vocal Point: No Instruments, No Problem

They have percussion without drums. They have rhythm without a bass. The only instruments on stage are the fourteen voices of the nationally renowned a cappella groups Vocal Point and Noteworthy. Brigham Young University's premier a cappella ensemble captivates audiences throughout the world with their stunning, high-energy performances and elaborate music videos.

With a wide range of vocal possibilities — and seeming impossibilities — these family-friendly crowd-pleasers have it all: rock, pop, country, jazz and R&B. Noteworthy and Vocal Point take the songs you are familiar with, revamp them and deliver a new rendition, complete with all the complex instrumentation done entirely with their mouths. Each ensemble member displays musicality, creativity and stage experience — which results in original, skillful and spirited performances. “Well, that’s about the most professional group at the collegiate level anywhere,” says Deke Sharon, founder of the Contemporary A Cappella Society of America (CASA) and vocal producer of NBC’s The Sing-Off.

Vocal Point and Noteworthy originate in the office of Performing Arts Management at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. BYU is one of the nation's largest private universities with an enrollment of more than 30,000 full time students from throughout the United States and 100 foreign countries.



Vocal Point

In 2018, The Contemporary A Cappella Society (CASA) awarded Vocal Point the Outstanding Collaborative Video and Best Show Tunes/Soundtrack/Theme Song for their “Beauty and the Beast A Cappella Medley” featuring Lexi Walker. They also won Best Religious Video for their video “It is Well with My Soul.” In addition, the group was awarded runner-up for Outstanding Choreography/Staging, and Outstanding Costume/Makeup. Besides performing on stage, recording albums and appearing on television, Vocal Point has produced over 50 music videos. In February of 2016, YouTube awarded Vocal Point’s channel with the Silver Play Button for surpassing 100,000 subscribers. As of 2023, they have more than 780,000 subscribers and 184 million total views. Vocal Point has performed live with legendary artists such as Ben Rector, Gladys Knight, Kristin Chenoweth, Colbie Caillat, Lee Greenwood, Lexi Mae Walker and Peter Hollens.

Noteworthy

BYU alum Esther Yoder organized Noteworthy in 2003, and in 2007 they won first place in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA). In 2014, the group became

an official BYU group. Since then, Noteworthy has continued to pave their path to success. Their presence online is ever-growing with more than 45 million views on YouTube. In October 2015, their music video, "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" went viral, earning over three million views in two weeks. Noteworthy has also released several studio albums. In 2016, they teamed up with violinist Keith Goodrich for their version of the Irish hymn, "Be Thou My Vision." For the production of their music video "Unsteady," Noteworthy collaborated with the BYU Cougarettes to create an amazingly artistic video. Recently, the ensemble has toured to Texas, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

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