



Synthesis

BYU



Who We Are

Synthesis combines swing, blues, jazz, Latin, and fusion styles into a dynamic, unforgettable musical experience. Comprised of some of Brigham Young University's most talented and versatile musicians, Synthesis features performers who also contribute as composers and arrangers. With a traditional big band lineup including saxophones, trombones, trumpets, and a full rhythm section of drums, bass, guitar, and piano, BYU Synthesis continues to captivate audiences globally with their dynamic and polished sound.

Honors

- In 2024, the group toured in Western Europe, where they performed in festivals, as well as participated in clinics with local high school musicians.
- In 2022, jazz legend Wynton Marsalis personally invited the group to perform at the prestigious Jack Rudin Jazz Championship, where they earned accolades for Best Trombone Section, Best Trumpet Section, and multiple Outstanding Soloist awards across the ensemble.
- In 2016, the group went on an extended tour to the Baltic States, covering Estonia, Latvia Lithuania, Sweden and Finland. On tour, the group made history at the Saulkrasti Jazz Festival by playing multiple encores.

1971-2024

38

TOURS



378

PERFORMANCES



22

COUNTRIES VISITED



248K+

AUDIENCE MEMBERS



50+

OUTREACHES



Our Show

BYU Synthesis sweeps its audiences away into a world of Latin, blues, funk, and contemporary fusion, blended into a vibrant, crowd-pleasing experience. The program is fast-paced and engaging, often featuring original arrangements and student compositions that highlight the ensemble's creativity and depth. From seasoned jazz enthusiasts to newcomers, families, students, and community members, Synthesis has a song for everyone. Each show is packed with musical variety, visual energy, and moments that spotlight individual soloists as well as full-ensemble brilliance.

Recent Tours

- Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium - May 2024
- Florida, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba - June 2019

Upcoming Tour

TBD



Outreach Efforts

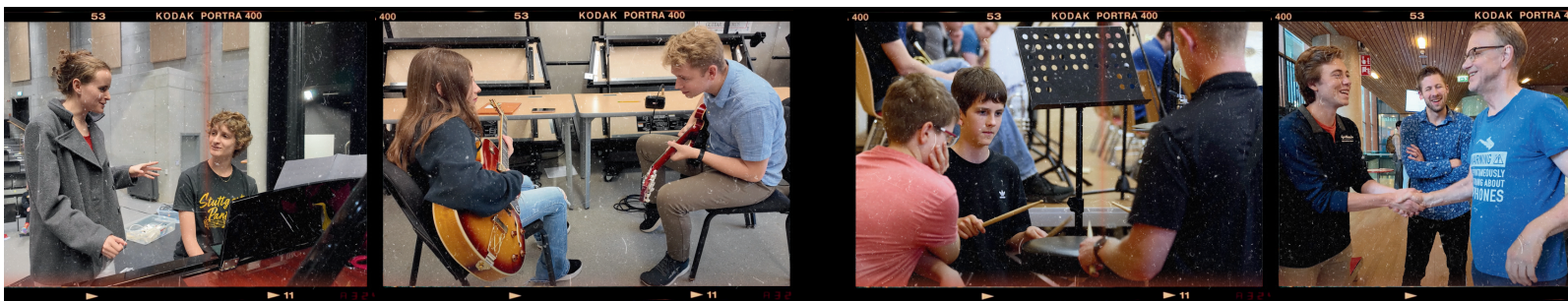
Synthesis builds bridges through workshops, school visits, community concerts, and international outreach. Their efforts include musicians conferences, campus events, and performances at festivals, high school art departments, and children interested in studying music.

As BYU's premier big band, Synthesis is equipped to:

- Teach jazz performance in schools, churches, and community centers
- Perform in festivals and competitions
- Participate in service-focused performances and outreach
- Collaborate with choirs, youth groups, and performing arts programs
- Perform full or adapted shows for various audiences and venues

The BYU Synthesis jazz band performed always in an outstanding and very professional way... All performances terminated with requests for an encore... We will always keep a sweet memory of these days that we spent together.

Giuseppe Pasta
National Director of Public Affairs,
Italy



19.8K+

VIEWS



4.5K+

LISTENERS



300+

SUBSCRIBERS



Director Benjamin Nichols

- Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)
- Former Assistant Professor of Saxophone at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Frequently asked to play in many genres and has performed and recorded with contemporaries such as: Ben Wendel, Wycliffe Gordon, Jon Faddis, Jeff Coffin, and more

Recent Releases

- "Orin" (Single)- April 2025
- "Downtime: Live on Tour in the Baltic States and Scandinavia" (Album) – April 2018
- "Flying High" (Album) – March 2012



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