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Premier Acappella Ensemble, The King's Singers, to Join Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square for 2016 Pioneer Day Concert

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir is pleased to welcome back one of its most popular guest artists, The King's Singers for "Music for a Summer Evening," a concert held in conjunction with community-wide Pioneer Day celebrations. The concert will be on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 at 8:00p.m. in the Conference Center and will be conducted by Mack Wilberg, music director of the Choir and Ryan Murphy, associate music director.

The King's Singers, England's six-man a cappella vocal ensemble, are acclaimed worldwide for its virtuosity, energy, and charm. The group is also in global demand, touring regularly to Europe, North and South America, Asia, and Australasia. Double Grammy® Award-winning artists, the group was honored in 2009 for its Signum Classics release, *Simple Gifts*, and again in 2012 for its contribution to Eric Whitacre's *Light and Gold* album on Universal/Decca.

The King's Singers are one of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's most frequent collaborators. They were the featured guests on the 2007 Christmas concerts with the Choir and Orchestra as well as on one of the four Cultural Olympiad concerts held in the Tabernacle during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. They have appeared on the *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcast numerous times and will join the Choir and Orchestra again on the Sunday, July 24, 2016 broadcast. After the Friday evening concert, they will sign CDs at the Deseret Book store in the City Creek Center.

The concert will be live streamed on MormonTabernacleChoir.org (motab.org/pioneerday) at 8:00p.m. on Saturday, July 23. It will also be carried live over the Church satellite system and aired on BYU Television, both broadcasts on that same date and time.

These summer concerts featuring music by the Choir and Orchestra have been a long-standing tradition. Recent guest artists have included Laura Osnes (2015), Santino Fontana (2014), Nathan Pacheco and Lindsey Stirling (2013), Katherine Jenkins (2012), and Linda Eder and Brian Stokes Mitchell (2011). Prior concerts have been filmed and later rebroadcast on BYU Television. The summer concert of 2012 with Katherine Jenkins won for the Choir its second

Emmy Award. (The Choir has since added a third Emmy Award for its Tanner Gift of Music concert with James Taylor.)

Free tickets for these concerts are required. Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning on June 7 at noon at lds.org/events, by calling 801-570-0080 or at the Conference Center ticket office. Admission to this event is limited to those ages eight and older.

Standby tickets for those without tickets will not be issued. However, patrons are invited to stand by for last-minute seating each evening. The standby line will form at the north gate on Temple Square at 6:30 p.m. for the evening performances.

No tickets are required for the Sunday, July 24, *Music and the Spoken Word* broadcast, which will be held in the Conference Center at 9:30 a.m. Patrons should be in their seats by 9:15 a.m.

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