

YALE WHIFFENPOOFS

World Tour 2010



Bio

Every year for the past one-hundred and one, fourteen of Yale's finest senior male singers have been selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, the oldest and most famous collegiate a cappella group in the world. Founded in 1909, the "Whiffs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern.

"The Whiffenpoof Song," the group's signature ballad, gained nationwide recognition when Rudy Vallee (Whiffs of 1927) recorded a solo version in the 1930s. The song would later become one of the popular tunes of World War II. Later on, Bing Crosby, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald (made an honorary Whiffenpoof in 1979), and Elvis Presley followed suit with their own recordings.

Today, the group has become one of Yale's most celebrated and hallowed traditions, maintaining a performance schedule of 200 - 300 concerts annually in addition to recording an album and embarking on a 16-week world tour that takes the group to every continent but Antarctica.

In recent years, the Whiffenpoofs have performed for the likes of Presidents Reagan, Bush 1, Bush 2, and Clinton, Mother Theresa, and the Dalai Lama, in sold-out venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Rose Bowl, at such establishments as the Metropolitan Club, the Plaza Hotel and the Waldorf Astoria in NYC, the Ritz-Carlton in Santiago, Chile, and the Bohemian Grove in Monte Rio, California, and for events such as the World Series, Saturday Night Live, NBC's Today Show, and The West Wing.

A cappella arrangements of jazz standards, classic ballads, traditional Yale songs, and recent popular hits continue to delight audiences all over the world. The Whiffenpoofs look forward to carrying their musicianship into a second century of musical excellence and professional showmanship at Yale, across the United States, and around the world.

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