



The Whiffenpoofs In Nevada, Missouri

The Yale Whiffenpoofs announce the start of their spring tour and include performances here in Nevada. Scott Hillier a Nevada R5 graduate and Senior at Yale University is touring with the Whiffenpoofs and has made arrangements to include a concert on Thursday, April 15th at the United Methodist Church and at Cottey College.

Every year, 14 senior Yale men are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group. 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 over 200 concerts annually in addition to recording an album and embarking on a 17-week world tour.

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 venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Rose Bowl, 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 celebrating a full century of musical excellence and professional showmanship at Yale, across America, and around the world (www.whiffenpoofs.com).

The concert at the United Methodist Church will start at 6:00 pm with general admission seating opening at 5:00 pm. Tickets are available through the Church Office, Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$ 7.00 for adults, \$ 5.00 for senior adults and \$ 5.00 for children (12 and under). Advance purchase of tickets is advised. Ticket reservations can be made at www.umcn.info and then follow the link "The Yale Whiffenpoofs".