

Boise Chordsmen sponsor largest Youth Festival in the world!

About eight years ago, the Boise Chordsmen, a group of about 40 men, launched a Youth Festival. Four schools agreed to participate, and then all backed out, said Marketing Director Dennis Berg. "With dogged determination, chorus member Con Hobson and Musical Director Rich Lapp tried again and got it running."

Now, in its eighth year, the two-day festival held in September 2015 attracted more than 700 students from 20 schools. Berg said this is the largest festival of its kind in the world. Donny Rose, director of Harmony University in Nashville, came to the festival as the boys' clinician, and master director Beth Bruce came from Salt Lake City to work with the girls. Collegiate champion quartet, The Newfangled Four, also participated.

"There have been hundreds of responses that we've gotten back saying, 'Keep doing it.' We're bringing top talent in. These quartets work with the kids." Berg said. "If you look around the United States and the Society, nobody does what we do in aggregate, with the kids, with a small chapter...but it's because of the backing that we have from the guys in this chorus."

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