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Alex Boyé to Perform Christmas Concerts at American Heritage School

December 05, 2011, American Fork, Utah – American Heritage School is proud to announce its 2011 "An American Heritage Christmas" benefit concerts. On December 10th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm, award-winning international recording artist and actor Alex Boyé joins the American Heritage Lyceum Philharmonic and American Heritage Youth Chorus for their fourth annual Christmas concerts.

The former lead vocalist of a successful U.K. band, Boyé has performed alongside such groups as N'SYNC, the Backstreet Boys, Missy Elliott, Bryan Adams, Mary. J. Blige, the Smashing Pumpkins, and George Michael. In 2000, Boyé moved to Utah where he has been a Deseret Book Shadow Mountain Artist and can be heard on numerous albums and soundtracks, including his sacred album *Testimony* for which he received the 2005 Male Artists Listener Award by the LDS Booksellers Association. Boyé is also a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and is a lifestyle news Reporter on KSL5's Morning News.

"The Lyceum Philharmonic is made up of some of the most talented and well-trained young musicians in the country," said Lyceum Philharmonic Director Kayson Brown. "Last year, the orchestra performed eight different programs with artists including Voice Male, Jenny Oaks Baker, Dallyn Vail Bayles, and Jordan Bluth, in addition to three performances of a Mahler Symphony. Alex Boyé has just caught the spirit of our educational, community and service-focused approach, and his energy with the students is amazing for me to watch. If you want a group of teenagers to be excited about practicing an hour a day, put them in a room with Alex Boyé!"

Brown continued, "Alex and the orchestra will be joined by two large choirs. We intend to put on a fun show, but we also hope that the audience will feel the genuine reason for the celebration. We'll be performing music from Alex's recent album *My Christmas Wish*, and there will also be inspirational stories and old familiar carols. We want the audience to come away feeling both entertained and closer to Christ."

Boyé said, "I am so looking forward to doing a show with the American Heritage Orchestra and Youth Chorus. What Kayson Brown has done with these bright, young musical stars is nothing short of genius!"

"True to American Heritage School's form, this annual concert is a one-of-kind celebration of the heritage of Christmas and the spirit of Christ in American History", said Head of School Grant Beckwith. "We invite you to join us, enjoy the concerts, and help us continue our work of faith-based education for the rising generation."

The concerts will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm at American Heritage School. Ticket prices are \$10 for students, \$13 for adults, and \$60 for families. Tickets can be purchased online (www.American-Heritage.org) or by phone at (801) 642-0055. The Lyceum Philharmonic's recently-released debut CD Hearts & Minds will also be available for purchase at the Christmas concerts. Proceeds from the concerts directly benefit American Heritage Orchestra and Choir programs and additional donations in support of the school and students can be sent to American Heritage, 736 N. 1100 East, American Fork, Utah 84003, by calling (801) 642-0055, or by donating online at www.American-Heritage.org/Home/Give.

About Alex Boyé

Alex Boyé has been entertaining audiences worldwide for over 15 years. Alex was born and raised in London, England, and has had hits in over 15 countries, selling over half a million CDs. He recently performed on the Glenn Beck tour to Jerusalem where he received a heartwarming standing ovation for his spiritually-charged and awe-inspiring rendition of "Make Them Hear You". Alex's music and life story has not only inspired and greatly impacted Glenn Beck, but millions since then. Alex has performed in many notable venues across the nation from the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Washington DC, to the Mann Center in Philadelphia to the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Alex's biggest passion is connecting with the world through the power of inspirational music. You may have heard his captivating solo voice on the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's Showtime CD singing Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Circle of Life"; or you may have seen his face in the award-winning "Liken the Scripture" series as Abinadab in David and Goliath. Perhaps you've seen him onstage at the Hale Center Theater delivering a commanding performance in *Big River* as Jim, or maybe even at the Rodger's Memorial Theater playing Frederick Douglass in *The Civil War*. He may have even turned up in your town at one time delivering powerful and uplifting music. But wherever you have seen him, you won't forget him.

Many souls have already been deeply touched by Alex's music, but he wants to reach many more. Alex says, "I don't want to do music to just entertain, even though I love to do that, but I want to use it to strengthen feeble knees and uplift broken hearts and most importantly help people feel the Spirit." HIS MISSION CONTINUES. Learn more about Alex at www.AlexBoye.com.

About American Heritage Lyceum Philharmonic

The American Heritage Lyceum Philharmonic is comprised of talented students, ages 13-18, from across the state of Utah. These young musicians come from many different schools to participate in an after-school music program hosted at American Heritage School in American Fork. Their mission includes performing music that educates both heart and mind.

The Lyceum Philharmonic was named "Best Youth Instrumental Group" in 2009, 2010, and 2011, by Best of State® Utah and has been recognized across the nation as one of the country's premier youth performing ensembles. Under the direction of Kayson Brown, these young musicians have performed alongside some of the music industry's leading artists, including The 5 Browns, Jenny Oaks Baker, Michael Ballam, Dallyn Vail Bayles, Jordan Bluth, Steven Sharp Nelson, Alex Boyé and Peter Breinholt. For more information about the Lyceum Orchestras, visit www.LyceumPhilharmonic.org.

About American Heritage Youth Chorus

The American Heritage Youth Chorus is an LDS-oriented choral organization for children and youth ages 8-18. Its purpose is to build musical excellence and enduring faith in the lives of young people through uplifting and sacred music. Two choirs accommodate youth of varying ages and skill levels, and enrollment is open to all students regardless of school affiliation. If you would like more information about the choirs, or to learn how to join, visit www.american-heritage.org/Music/ChEnrollment.

About American Heritage School

American Heritage School is an independent, non-profit organization with the motto of "Educating Hearts and Minds for Latter-day Families." American Heritage began in 1970 with less than 50 students in grades K-6 after the BY High and the Brigham Young Training School closed on the BYU campus. American Heritage has since grown to become a nationally accredited school with 650 students in grades K-12, an international student program, a distance education program, and community music programs, including the American Heritage Lyceum Orchestras, the Lyceum Music Festival, and the American Heritage Youth Chorus. Learn more at www.American-Heritage.org.