



Friendships from Singing Together –

The Alumni Chorus

The Power of Song

In 1997, a group of 180 choral singers from 30 states around the United States traveled to China for a two-week tour. The chorus, comprised of Yale alumni and their spouses, children and friends, performed a repertoire of classical music that reflected the same music many of the singers had performed when they were undergraduates at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut (USA).

For the individuals of all ages, ranging from recent graduates, to men in their 80's, it was a life changing and rejuvenating experience as everyone, both participants in the chorus and those who attended the concerts, recognized the power of musically-based intercultural exchange.

Ambassadors of Song

Since the first trip to China in 1997, the Yale Alumni Chorus, or YAC, as it has come to be known, has traveled to over 13 countries on 6 continents. YAC has performed in the State Kremlin Palace, the first American U.S. chorus invited to perform there, participated in an exchange program at Cambridge University in the UK and had tours to South Africa and South America. YAC has a repertoire which includes many folk songs sung in native languages. The Chorus has learned many of these songs in master classes led by musicians in the countries where they are performing.



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In 2003, recognizing the real phenomenon the Chorus had become, it was formally established as The Yale Alumni Chorus Foundation, Inc. and was granted recognition as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization for the purposes of U.S. tax purposes. The Foundation's Board of Directors sets Foundation Policy and engages in oversight of the entire

enterprise to ensure that established policy is followed.