

The Yale Spizzwinks (?)

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America's oldest underclassman a cappella singing group

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New Haven, CT U.S.A.: After drawing standing ovation audiences in South America and Asia last year, the Yale Spizzwinks(?), America's oldest underclassman a cappella singing group, announce their 2007-2008 world tour. The 16-member ensemble directed entirely by Yale College students will perform in Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Minnesota, Quebec, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia, Germany, Greece, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Romania, and England.

The Yale Spizzwinks(?) were founded in 1914 as a satirical response to the Yale Whiffenpoofs, the only collegiate a cappella singing ensemble in existence at the time. With a diverse repertoire ranging from traditional Yale songs and jazz standards to pop ballads and rock n' roll, the 16 members of the Spizzwinks(?) continue to perform and entertain with the same musicianship, humor, and camaraderie of their founding members 93 ago. An entirely student directed group, the 'Winks have toured the globe, performing for audiences in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe, and all around the United States. In recent years, the Spizzwink fan club has grown to include notables such as Governor George Pataki, Magic Johnson, Henry Kissinger, Kelsey Grammer, Senator John Kerry, and Fred Savage, as well as audiences at ESPN, Carnegie Hall, Disney World, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Severance Hall, and the White House.

As a small group of 16 members who sing *a cappella* (without musical instruments), the ensemble can perform in any location and in any environment. The Yale Spizzwinks' vast and varied repertoire of songs allows them to tailor a particular performance for over 100 audiences each year. They can perform a series of short sets of songs, each lasting about fifteen minutes, or present shows that last up to two hours. Depending on the occasion, they can perform in tuxedos, in business suits, or in casual clothing.

Since their founding in 1914, the Yale Spizzwinks take pride in providing sophisticated but light-hearted entertainment no matter what the occasion and no matter how long the performance.

For more information or to book a performance with the Spizzwinks(?), please contact Michael Lavigne, Business Manager for The Yale Spizzwinks(?).