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Noteworthy

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New Director

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Noteworthy, the premier all-female a cappella ensemble at Brigham Young University, is pleased to announce that its new director for the 2007-08 school year will be Esther Yoder.

Hailing from upstate New York, Esther was actually one of Noteworthy's founders back in January 2004. Driven by the idea that women had a place in contemporary a cappella singing, Esther joined with two members of Vocal Point to create Noteworthy. Under Esther's vision, the group saw rapid success in performances on and off campus, quickly winning the young group a loyal fan base. Within the competition arena, Esther was honored to be one of the first women ever to receive the award for most outstanding vocal percussion. She left the group in late 2005 to serve as a missionary for the LDS Church in Spanish-speaking areas of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

The group's current director, Catherine Papworth, recently decided to leave the position in order to finish her degree in media music and pursue a career in the music business. Hearing that Esther was returning from her mission, Catherine invited Esther to fill her spot as director, and Esther excitedly accepted. Esther will not be performing with Noteworthy this year, but will instead dedicate her time to serving the group from a management perspective. She is thrilled at the opportunity, and hopes to continue the success of last year's group.

ABOUT NOTEWORTHY

Founded in 2004, Noteworthy is an entirely student-run a cappella group at Brigham Young University. Composed of full-time students who are also members of the school's A Cappella Club, this nine-voice, all-female ensemble pays tribute to BYU's a cappella tradition while continually reinventing the all-vocal sound. In addition to regular performances at school events, sold-out concerts, company parties, church functions, sporting events, high school workshops, and street shows, Noteworthy also competes each year in the International Championship of Collegiate A cappella. Each year the group takes high honors, bringing home awards for outstanding choreography, arrangements, and vocal percussion. In April 2007, Noteworthy won the international title in New York City, making them the top-ranked collegiate a cappella group in the world. Noteworthy is only the second all-female group in history to receive this prestigious title.

Noteworthy recently released its debut album, *On the Horizon*, to critical acclaim. More information about Noteworthy can be found online at www.noteworthyladies.com.

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