

100 YEARS OF WHIFFENPOOF "HISTORY"

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- Jan 1909 – Lohmann, Pomeroy, Minnegrode, Fowler and Howard found informal singing group. Delightfully whimsical name chosen: Whiffenpoofs.
- Feb 1909 – Members of DKE suggest alternative names, less delightful, whimsical.
- 1913 – Cole Porter, last famous Whiffenpoof, graduates.
- 1915 – Velvet Cup invented, vomited.
- 1918 – First all-out Whiffenpoof world tour. Stops are Fairfield, Darien, Greenwich, and Rye.
- 1923 – After a performance described as "dangerously syncopated," a scandalized. Administration threatens to reduce Whiffenpoof cocaine allowance.
- 1927 – Florida land boom creates new singing group economy.
- 1929 – First Whiffenpoof to jump from window. Fad resurfaces briefly in late '60s.
- 1936 – Whiffs steal Larry Kelley's Heisman Trophy. Trophy returned when it is realized that it cannot be drunk from.
- 1939 – Whiffenpoof plot to assassinate Hitler during world tour thwarted by lost luggage at Lehrter Bahnhof.
- 1946 – Harvard men steal Whiffenpoof idea, call themselves Krokodiloes, ridiculously.
- 1952 – First Whiff Jazz LP: Let's All Smoke Reefer Like The Beboppers Do!
- 1956 – Whiffs scheduled appearance on the Ed Sullivan show is cancelled in favor of Elvis Presley.
- 1964 – Whiffs scheduled appearance on the Ed Sullivan show is cancelled in favor of The Beatles.
- 1971 – Whiffs promised a full hour on the Ed Sullivan show. CBS cancels Ed Sullivan.
- 1973 – Yale's first senior class to include women. Tenors unionize.
- 1979 – Punk rock, disco, rap ascendant. During visit to Camp David, Pitchpipe asks President to address the problem with malaise speech.
- 1981 – Whiffenpoofs on Saturday Night Live. Nation smirks.
- 1984 – Live Aid and "We Are the World" bring international awareness to the famine crisis in Ethiopia. Whiffenpoofs reintroduce "Toot-toot-tootsie, Goodbye" to repertoire.
- 1989 – First Whiff "World Music" disc released: The Yale Whiffenpoofs Renounce Our Hegemony and Embrace Your Throat Singing.
- 1993 – Whiffenpoof plot to assassinate Saddam Hussein thwarted by lost luggage in Damascus International Airport.
- 2000 – Yale man elected president. Whiffenpoofs look forward to glorious international embrace during world tour.
- 2002 – World Tour stops include Fairfield, Darien, Greenwich, and Rye.
- 2008 – Mortgage Crisis causes worldwide economic downturn. Whiffenpoofs notice more domestic caviar, fewer job offers.
- 2009 – Whiffenpoofs celebrate 100 years of song and adventure. Current group grumbles about clean-up.



100 YEARS OF SONG

THE WHIFFENPOOF CENTENNIAL CONCERT

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009, 7:30 PM
WOOLSEY HALL, YALE UNIVERSITY**

100 YEARS OF SONG, MORE THAN 3 HOURS OF SINGING!

1985	Aj Lucka, Lucka (all Whiffs should stand and sing along), For All We Know, Too Darn Hot	1973	Scarlet Ribbons, Maggie Blues
1939-49	“Below Par” : April Showers, Alexander’s Ragtime Band	2008	The Most Beautiful Girl in the Room, Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea
2007	I’ve Been Everywhere, Something Like the Blues	1978	If, (They’ll surprise us for the second song)
1955-57	I Talk to the Trees, Tear it Down	1967	Don’t Blame Me, Mandy
1996-98	Little Pony, Down by the Salley Gardens	1958	Black is the Color of My True Love’s Hair, Eddy My Love
1962	Slap that Bass, Switzer Boy	1999	Time After Time, My Cutie’s Due
1940-50	When I See all the Lovin’, Mother of Men	1966	Through a Long and Sleepless Night, Slap that Bass
1970-71	Quiet Girl, One Minute More	1961	Amazing Grace, Quicha Teasin’
2000	Ain’t No Sunshine, Steppin’ Out with My Baby	2002	Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes, September Song
1965	Down in the Old Cherry Orchard, Miss Otis Regrets	1988	MacNamara’s Band, Twisted
1982-84	Sugar, Time After Time	1976	Jack, Maggie Blues
1951-53	Bermuda Buggy Ride, Teasin’ Medley	2003-05	(They’ll surprise us)
1975	Boys in Blue, On Broadway	2006	Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Sq., Steppin Out w/My Baby
2001	September Song, New Hymn	1974	Every Time We Say Goodbye, When Sunny Gets Blue
1963	My Cutie’s Due, Without a Song	2010	Nature Boy, Too Young to Say Goodbye (in memory of Kevin “Oy” Fahey ’81)
1979-81	Jack, Little Pony	ALL	The Whiffenpoof Song (Form a circle around the audience)
1954	Rose of Washington Square, Tootsie	NOTE:	This is a long concert <u>without</u> an intermission. You are welcome to come and go during the show, but please do so when a new group is moving to the stage. Thank you.
1990	Softly as I Leave You, Eli’s Comin’ (with 1992-94)	PRODUCER:	JOHN “HERGOODTASTEFOR” BADER ’85
1992-94	Eli’s Comin’ (with 1990), I’ll Be Seeing You	COORDINATOR:	BARRY “EGGS” MCMURTREY ’88
1964	MacNamara’s Band, Slide Trombone	MANAGER:	KITO COVINGTON
1977	Too Darn Hot, Java Jive	SOUND:	ROGER ARNOLD
1959	Annie Laurie, Mavourneen/Old Song Medley	USHERS:	YALE SINGING GROUP MEMBERS
1986	Midnight Train to Georgia, Down by the Salley Gardens	THANKS TO:	TOSHIYUKI SHIMADA, BRIAN ROBINSON, THE YALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, AND RICHARD NASH "FOLS" GOULD ’68