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Eileen McMillen

New assistant manager named at the Howard Performing Arts Center

Andrews University is pleased to announce Eileen McMillen as the new assistant manager of the Howard Performing Arts Center. This role was previously held by Erica Slikkers who, in Nov. 2011, was promoted to manager. McMillen's official start date was Jan. 9, 2012.

"Eileen will be a powerful asset to the Howard Performing Arts Center," says Slikkers. "She comes with experience in non-profit management, as well as a passion and respect for the arts."

Prior to accepting the assistant manager position, McMillen worked as director of funding and strategic development for StoneBridge School in Chesapeake, Va. She holds two degrees from Andrews University: a Bachelor of Science in Psychology (May 2009) and a Master of Administration in International and Community Development (May 2011).

During her time as a graduate student, McMillen worked on projects for several non-profit organizations, including Neighbor to Neighbor and REACH International, both of which are based in Berrien Springs, Mich.

"Music always has been a huge part of my life," says McMillen. She counts

performing as an alto soloist in a production of Handel's "Messiah" and being a member of the annual Candlelight Processional at Disney's Epcot Center among the highlights of her musical experiences.

McMillen, a native of Sebring, Fla., has been married since June 2011 to J.B. McMillen, a fellow Andrews alum.

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Andrews introduces three new academic programs

Beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year, Andrews University will offer three new programs. The School of Architecture will introduce programs in both construction management and interior design. According to Carey Carscallen, dean of the School of Architecture, no other Seventh-day Adventist educational institution offers a four-year degree in construction management or interior design. Carscallen believes it is important to make these options available to our youth.

"The church needs workers who understand its beliefs of simplicity, creativity, building and designing for the glory of God. Like other secular

universities with construction management and interior design programs, our students will gain understanding of everything related to the profession. However, unlike others, they will also have the opportunity to participate in community service, outreach, mission work and even the opportunity to study abroad," says Carscallen.

Also starting in the 2012-2013 academic year, the Department of Visual Art & Design plans to begin offering a program in documentary filmmaking (pending hire of a new faculty member). This program will be ideally suited for those interested in storytelling. It will combine the foundation of documentary theory, film history, storyboarding, editing, compositing and sound creation, all while providing the students with a conceptual framework to use their skills to serve others.

Rhonda Root, chair of the Department of Visual Art & Design, says, "Our department is always seeking to stay up-to-date with advancements in the fine arts. We want to provide our students with the highest quality fine art education and career preparation possible."

Read more about these new programs by visiting www.andrews.edu/news.

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Students interested in studying at the Andrews University School of Architecture now have two new programs to choose from: Construction Management and Interior Design.