

Choral Invitational Concert

Come enjoy this concert titled "For the Sake of the Children"

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The annual Choral Invitational Concert, titled "For the Sake of the Children," takes place this Saturday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the Howard Performing Arts Center (Photo by Shiekainah Decano, IMC student photographer)

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Andrews University will host the annual Choral Invitational Concert, titled "For the Sake of the Children," this Saturday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Produced and directed by Stephen Zork, the concert will feature performances by the Andrews University Chorale and Andrews University Singers as well as multiple selections from the international children's choir Girls of Mercy, under the direction of Sinegugu Katenga.

The experiences of pain and suffering endured by children caught in the crosshairs of political agitation, the grip of depression, self-destruction, school violence and the cruelty of war will be presented through spoken and choral narratives by the University Singers and the Chorale. In contrast, the Girls of Mercy will respond with altruistic songs of innocence and hope from the rich musical heritage of the country of Malawi.

Choral selections will include “Jenny” by Nick Myers, “The Lamb” by Kenneth Mahy, “Requiem for the Innocent” by D. Geoffrey Bell, “I Dreamed of Rain” by Jan Garrett, “Skies of the Clear Blue Morning” arranged by Craig Hella Johnson, “The Old Church” by Stephen Paulus, “Prayer of St. Patrick” by Ross Bernhardt, “Good Night, Dear Heart” by Dan Forrest, and “In Remembrance” and “For the Sake of the Children” by Jeffery Ames.

The concert will also feature cellist Karin Thompson, Elsy Gallardo Diaz on French horn and Jesse Gray on the viola. The program promises to be both cathartic and uplifting.

No tickets are required, but a freewill offering will be received. To learn more, visit howard.andrews.edu or contact the Howard Box Office at 269-471-3560.