Singers and Chorale in Concert
On Saturday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m.

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Are you weary of winter? This Saturday evening, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. in the Howard Performing Arts Center, the Andrews University Singers and Chorale, under the direction of Stephen Zork, have a remedy to brighten your mood, lighten your load and chase your winter blues away.

The evening concert—“Chasing Your Winter Blues Away!”—begins with buoyant arrangements by Ward Swingle of J. S. Bach’s “Bourée” and Jerome Kern’s “All the Things You Are.” Also featured are light-hearted madrigals such as Garrison Keillor’s “Now Is the Time of Winter” (inspired by Morley’s “Now is the Month of Maying”), the King’s Singers arrangement of “Money Can’t Buy Me Love” and Pierre Passereau’s “Il est Bel et Bon (He is Good and Handsome).” Then muse at the humor and wisdom found in Jester Hairston’s “Gossip, Gossip” and Jacques Offenbach’s “The Neighbors’ Chorus.” A sublime and elegant centerpiece of the concert features four songs of love by British composers John Rutter, Bob Chilcott and Charles Villiers Stanford, including “Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind,” “The Blue Bird,” “I Got Me Flowers to Strew Thy Way” and “My True Love.” The evening of eclectic musical offerings will conclude with a stirring setting of “America, the Beautiful” performed by the combined choirs.

Student & senior admission is $4. General admission is $6.