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VESPER CONCERT

AU WIND SYMPHONY

Alan Mitchell, Director
Robert Leal, Guest Director
Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Student Director

Howard Performing Arts Center
Friday, March 4, 2016
7:30 pm
About the AU Wind Symphony

The Andrews University Department of Music offers many opportunities to participate in a variety of instrumental experiences, ranging from small ensembles to the Wind Symphony, performing sacred and secular music in classical concerts or light programs. Acceptance into all organizations is by audition. Performance Scholarships totaling $20,000 are available yearly to Wind Symphony members.

The Wind Symphony maintains a significant travel schedule throughout the Great Lakes area, and seeks to provide high quality music programs and concerts representative of Adventist education and Andrews University. In addition, the Wind Symphony periodically undertakes major tours out of the Great Lakes region. The Wind Symphony has performed in England, France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, and throughout the United States. The Wind Symphony is currently planning a tour to Italy in the Spring of 2016.

If you would like more information about the Wind Symphony, the Music Department’s program, scholarships, or music careers, please contact Chairman, Department of Music, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0230.

About the Wind Symphony Director

Alan Mitchell is an Assistant Professor of Music at Andrews University. His teaching responsibilities include the Wind Symphony and music education courses for the B.M. and M.M. in Music Education degrees. His performance organizations have performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Mr. Mitchell has also served as a clinician, guest conductor and adjudicator throughout the United States. Prior to coming to Andrews University, he taught at Auburn Adventist Academy, Washington; Platte Valley Academy, Nebraska; John North High School, California; and in the Fountain Valley Elementary School District, California.

Mr. Mitchell holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees in Music from California State University at Long Beach. He is currently a candidate for a D.M.A. in Wind Conducting/Music Education at the University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music. His major conducting professors were Eugene Corporon and Mallory Thompson. He has received additional conducting studies from Michael Haithcock, Ron Johnson, John Whitwell, and Allan McMurray. He has professional membership with the Music Educators National Conference, College Band Directors National Association, honorary membership in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, the International Adventist Musicians Association, and the World Association of Bands and Ensembles.
About the Guest Director

Robert Leal is a dedicated and enthusiastic Adventist educator currently serving as the Indiana Academy band director and Cicero Adventist Elementary School music teacher. After graduating from Valley Grande Adventist Academy in 1986, Mr. Leal enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for 22 years as a military musician and band conductor. He has a B.S. in Secondary Education, a M.Ed. in Elementary Education, and is currently pursuing a Masters of Music Education from VanderCook College of Music. He is married to Gracie Segovia Leal and they have three wonderful children named Jessica, Chloe’, and Elijah. Most importantly, Mr. Leal wants to share his love of Christ with others. He believes God has given us the great gift of choice and he wants to choose to serve Him every day.

About the Graduate Student Director

Sebastian Serrano Ayala is a 25-year old musician, born in Medellin, Colombia. He earned a B.A. in Music Education from the Adventist University of Colombia (UNAC) in 2011. His abilities have been widely recognized as an educator, saxophonist and conductor. During his last year in college he became the conductor of the UNAC’s Handbell Choir under the supervision of Carlos Sanchez and Hugo Riano. In 2012, he traveled to the Philippines and earned a M.A. in Music Education from the Adventist University of the Philippines. While there he served as assistant conductor and lecturer of the university’s academic ensembles, guest conductor of the PIC Orchestra, and co-founder and music director of the Handbell Ringers Philippines, an ensemble that is known for being the first Adventist Handbell Choir in the country.

Mr. Serrano is currently a graduate conducting student at Andrews University, under the tutelage of Mr. Alan Mitchell; he has also studied conducting with Dr. Claudio Gonzalez and Mr. Stephen Zork at Andrews University; Mr. John E. Williamson at Central Michigan University; Dr. Courtney Snyder, Dr. John Pasquale, and Dr. Michael Haithcock at University of Michigan.

Sebastian has just been accepted into the D.M.A in Wind Conducting program at the Cinncinnati Conservatory of Music for the Fall 2016 term.
Program

Ecstatic Fanfare (2012) ................................................................. Steve Bryant


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Joy in All Things (2012) ................................................................. Brian Balmages

On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss (1989) ......................................... David R. Holsinger

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Chester (1957) ............................................................................... William Schuman

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O Magnum Mysterium (2003) ......................................................... Morten Lauridsen

Rejouissance (1988) ...................................................................... James Curnow
WIND SYMPHONY

Alan Mitchell, Director

Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Assistant
Anna Rorabeck, Undergraduate Assistant
Ricky Reyna, Undergraduate Assistant

PICCOLO
  Michaella Souza

FLUTE
  +Becky Vajdic
  Stacey DePluzer
  Tatiana Knepp
  Johanna Erickson
  Alanna Asgeirsson
  Ashley Randolph

ALTO SAXOPHONE
  +Sebastian Serrano
  Carlon Nyack
  L'Mar Hall
  Joanna Marhanka

TENOR SAXOPHONE
  Jariel Fleming

BARI. SAXOPHONE
  Ginger Ebanks

HORN
  +Ana Lozano
  *Michael Marsh
  Josie Ticar
  *DeLain Bomer

TRUMPET
  +Michael Orvek
  Ricardo Reyna
  *Mary Davidson
  Brittany Ronto
  *Bump Enders
  Randall Ulangca
  Floyd Counsell
  *Bruce Wright
  James-Andrew Hearn

TROMBONE
  +Kenneth Andrade
  Tyler Ronto
  Jake Range
  Monika Ansinn
  Brandon Yenchus

EUPHONIUM
  *Sherrie Davis
  *Robert Steele

TUBA
  +Andrew Walayat
  *Abdy Vence

PERCUSSION
  +Anna Rorabeck
  Zaveon Waiters
  Emily Cancel
  Ivana Ticar
  D'Shauna Edwards
  Rebecca Kim

BASS CLARINET
  Jonathan Doram

+ Section Leader
* Community
Department of Music Events • Spring 2016

March 5   AU Choir & Orchestra Festival Concert       4:00 pm—HPAC
March 6   Symphony Orchestra “Young Artist”           4:00 pm—HPAC
March 7   MI SDA Elementary Band & String Festival    7:00 pm—HPAC

March 10-18  AU Festival Band Italy Tour

March 21  SE MI Middle School Honor Band Concert      7:00 pm—HPAC
March 26  Easter Choral Concert                      8:00 pm—HPAC
March 31  Opera Susannah                             7:00 pm—HPAC
April 1   Music & Worship Choir Concert              7:00 pm—HPAC
April 3   Opera Susannah                             3:00 pm—HPAC
April 17  Wind Symphony Spring Concert               4:00 pm—HPAC
          Jason Gresl, Bass Clarinet Soloist
April 23  Symphony Orchestra                         TBD—HPAC

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Wind and Percussion Faculty

Flute .................................................................................. Christina Gibson
Oboe .................................................................................... Kellie Rosselit
Bassoon .............................................................................. Lisa Bubar
Clarinet and Saxophone .................................................. Jason Gresl
Trumpet .............................................................................. Daniel McCarthy
Horn .................................................................................. Debra Inglefield
Trombone, Baritone and Tuba ......................................... Alan Mitchell
Percussion ......................................................................... Ronald Hull