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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

AU FESTIVAL BAND
ITALY TOUR

Alan Mitchell, Director
Gary Cooper, Trombone & Bass Soloist
Robert Leal, Assistant Director
Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Student Conductor

Church of Santa Christina
Bologna, Italy
Monday, March 14 - 9:00 pm

Teatro Sperimentale
Pesaro, Italy
Tuesday, March 15 - 9:00 pm
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome you to hear the Andrews University Festival Band. Alan Mitchell of our Music Department is leading it, and a good many of our young musicians are performing.

Music is a special gift from our creator to every human being. Some of us enjoy listening to it, others perform it skillfully, and still others are able to hear it even before it is played and to write it down. Each of these musical gifts will be on display in the performance of the Festival Band. The music department in Andrews University, which sponsors these performances, enjoys a long history of music education, music making, as well of composition thanks to its talented teachers and students. We are pleased to share some of these musical gifts with you.

Sincerely yours,

Niels-Erik Andreasen
President

ABOUT THE AU FESTIVAL BAND

The Andrews University Festival Band consists of members from the AU Wind Symphony, Andrews Academy Concert Band (AA), Battle Creek Academy Concert Band (BCA), and the Indiana Academy Concert Band (IA). Acceptance into all organizations is by audition.

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 Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, and throughout the United States.

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

GARY COOPER is Artist in Residence in the St. Joseph Schools. He teaches at Citadel Arts Center in Benton Harbor and also teaches privately. He continues to perform as a Vocalist and Principal Trombonist with the St. Joseph Municipal Band and plays Principal Trombone in the Southwest Michigan Symphony and the Whiting Park Festival Orchestra. Gary also performs with several brass quintets; SMSO Brass Quintet, Quintessence Brass, and with North American Brass Company in the Southwest Michigan and Indiana areas. He is active as a clinician and soloist in the Midwest area.
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. In 2012, he traveled to the Philippines and earned a M.A. in Music Education from the Adventist University of the Philippines. Mr. Serrano is currently completing a MMUS in Conducting at Andrews University, under the tutelage of Alan Mitchell. He has received additional conducting studies with John E. Williamson at Central Michigan University and Courtney Snyder, John Pasquale, and Michael Haithcock at University of Michigan. Sebastian has just been accepted into the D.M.A in Wind Conducting program at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for the Fall 2016 term.
TOUR REPERTOIRE

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

Yellow and Green from “Colors” (1999) ....................... Bert Appermont

  Gary Cooper, Trombone Soloist


  Robert Leal, Assistant Director

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


  Robert Leal, Assistant Director

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

  Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Student Director

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

Second Prelude (1964) ............................................................. George Gershwin

All I Ask of You (2015) ........................................ Andrew Webber/Jerry Lackey

  Gary Cooper, Bass Soloist

Rejouissance (1988) ............................................................. James Curnow
AU Festival Band
Alan Mitchell, Director

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

Piccolo
+Becky Vajdic

Flute
Michaela Souza
Stacey DePluzer
Tatiana Knepp
Elizabeth Atencio (AA)
Jessica Leal (IA)
Jade Magluyan (IA – Vln)

Oboe
Willaglys Senior

Bassoon
Alexandra Castro
Kristianna Eaton (cello)

Clarinet
+Gabe Halsey
David Ratajik
Jenae Fleming
Givan Hinds (LLU)
John-Luke Navarro
Kaylene Fraser
Joy Ngugi
Richard Ulangca

Bass Clarinet
Jonathan Doram

Alto Saxophone
+Sebastian Serrano
L’Mar Hall
Joanna Marhanka
Carlon Nyack
Justin Johnson (AA)

Tenor Saxophone
Jariel Fleming

Baritone Saxophone
Ginger Ebanks

Horn
Ana Lozano
Josie Ticar
*Michael Marsh
*Tori Steely (BCA)
TJ Anderson (BCA)

Trumpet
+Ricky Reyna
*Mary Davidson
Brittany Ronto
Randall Ulangca
*Bruce Wright
James-Andrew Hearn
Alexandria Ansinn
Marc-Henry Metellus
Katie Starkey

Trombone
+Kenneth Andrade
Tyler Ronto
Monika Ansinn
Jake Essex (BCA)

Euphonium
*Sherrie Davis
*Robert Steele
#Roberto Leal (IA/Dir.)

Tuba
+Andrew Walayat
Matthew Jarrard (AA)

String Bass
Talia Oeftger (BCA)

Percussion
+Anna Rorabeck
Zaveon Waiters
D’Shauna Edwards
Nathan Horvath (AA)
*Ron Hull

+Section Leader
*Community

Chaperone/Spouse
Susan Ratajik
Nancy Mitchell
Weva Magluyan (IA)
Wendy Ronto
Anita Hull