

Andrews University Alumni Gala

Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Howard Performing Arts Center

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The Andrews University Alumni Gala concert takes place September 29 (Photo by Clarissa Carbungco, University Communication student photographer)

By: Stephen Zork, professor of music, Andrews University

“Among Friends,” this year’s annual Andrews University Alumni Gala concert, will be presented by the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, University Singers & Chorale, and Wind Symphony on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Chris Wild makes his debut as the new conductor of the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, performing the delightful “Minuet and Trio” from Joseph Haydn’s 100th Symphony followed by the “Leonore Overture” by Ludwig van Beethoven. Charles Reid, tenor, collaborates with the University Chorale and Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Gounod’s abiding “Sanctus.”

Andrews University Singers, under the direction of Stephen Zork, will perform Elaine Hagenberg's tone poem "The Music of Stillness," Shawn Kirchner's bluegrass hymn "I'll Be on My Way" and a stirring new arrangement of the spiritual "Hold On" arranged by John Tebay. The University Chorale will collaborate with the Symphony Orchestra in Nicholas Zork's "When You Come," arranged by Stephen Zork.

The Andrews University Wind Symphony presents America-themed music conducted by Byron Graves, featuring centerpieces such as "America the Beautiful," Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," a collection of "American Riversongs" by Pierre LaPlante, and Copland's "Tis A Gift" from "Appalachian Spring." In a stirring conclusion to the evening's festivities, Graves will conduct the University Chorale and Wind Symphony in Wilhousky's famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

This concert is free and open to the public—no tickets are required. For additional information, contact the Howard box office at 269-471-3560 or visit howard.andrews.edu.