Welcome Christmas was presented twice with a different emphasis each day.

On Friday, December 5 at 8 pm, the Andrews University Singers, Chorale, Canta Bella and Pioneer Men’s Chorus, directed by Stephen Zork, performed Christmas choral repertoire with sacred emphasis. The program featured the Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein. The Andrews University Sinfonietta and special guest choir Girls of Mercy also participated in the concert.

On Saturday, December 6 at 8 pm, the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, directed by Claudio Gonzalez, performed favorite Christmas music featuring tenor Juan Carlos Rodriguez as soloist. The symphonic program included Vivaldi’s Concerto in C Major for Two Trumpets and selections from the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. The Andrews University Chorale also performed two pieces with the Orchestra.

H. M. S. Pinafore
The AU Vocal Department, directed by Julia Lindsay, presented Gilbert and Sullivan’s H. M. S. Pinafore on January 10 at 8:00 p.m. and on January 11 at 4:00 p.m. The following soloists set the stage on fire with comedy: Alice Hyde Vargas as Buttercup, Chauna Candy as Josephine, Ray Kirk as Captain Corcoran, Joshua Goines as Sir Joseph Porter, Dexter Saddler as Dick Deadeye, Ryan Clough as Ralph Rackstraw, and Charlotte Smith as Cousin Hebe. Linda Mack, music librarian, accompanied the cast at the piano.

Andrews University Music Festival
Students from Crawford Adventist Academy, Indiana Academy, Kingsway College, Peterson-Warren Academy, North Shore Junior Academy, Great Lakes Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Grand Rapids Academy, Andrews Academy, Blue Mountain Academy, Wisconsin Academy, and Hinsdale Adventist Academy will come to Andrews University for the annual Music Festival. This year, Band and Keyboard are featured and will be organized and hosted by Alan Mitchell and Chi Yong Yun. Dr. Douglas Smith from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will be the Guest Clinician for Band and Dr. Sandra Camp, for Keyboard.

Second International Music Competition
The Second International Music Competition (2008-09) will be in strings: violin, viola, cello, and string bass. The preliminary round/application deadline is February 20, 2009. The final round/competition final will be on March 29, 2009. Young performers between the ages of 15 and 30 are eligible. To request application forms, repertoire lists, or any additional information please contact Carlos A. Flores, Andrews University International Music Competitions director, at (269) 471-3555 or via email at cflores@andrews.edu, or check the Department of Music website at http://www.andrews.edu/cas/music/.

The competition for the next 2 years will be in voice/winds & percussion (2009-2010) and piano (2010-2011).

Upcoming Events
Feb. 21 Wind Symphony Pops Concert with Hope College Wind Symphony
Mar. 5 AU Music Festival Showcase Recital
Mar. 6 Wind Symphony Vesper Concert
Mar. 7 AU Music Festival Concert
Mar. 7 AU Orchestra Young Artist Concert
Mar. 8 2nd Sunday Concert: Choral Invitational
Mar. 8 Senior Recital: Rebecka Noble, soprano
Mar. 27 Choral Concert
Mar. 29 International Violin Competition

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