Christmas at the Howard Center

The season begins with a concert by students in the voice studios of Charles & Julie Reid tonight- Friday, November 21, at 7 p.m. This music vespers program will feature sacred Christmas selections such as “O Holy Night,” “Gesu Bambino” and “Silent Night,” but will also introduce the audience to holiday gems they may not have yet encountered.
Admission is free for this concert.

The first University ensemble performance of the holiday season will take place on Saturday, November 22, with the University Wind Symphony at 8 p.m. The concert, under the direction of Alan Mitchell, will feature “Christmas Festival” by Anderson, “I Wonder As I Wander” arranged by Clark, “A Christmas Fantasy” arranged by Custer and “Russian Christmas Music” by Reed, in addition to other selections. Special features include “The First Noel” arranged by Simmons and directed by graduate student director Sebastian Serrano, as well as “Away in A Manger” arranged by Wallace and directed by graduate student director Francis Serpa. The University’s brass ensemble will also perform “An English Carol Fantasy” arranged by Marchand.

General admission for the Wind Symphony concert is $5; students and seniors are $3. For tickets, visit howard.andrews.edu or call the box office at 269-471-3560.

The annual Welcome Christmas Choral Concert, featuring University Singers & Chorale, takes place Friday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. This performance will feature a garland of Christmas choral art songs, including “The One Gift” by Kenneth Rudolph, “Masters in This Hall,” a French carol arranged by John Rutter and “Child of Peace” by Jeffery Van and featuring harpist Christina Goosey. The groups are also bringing back two choral favorites, “Christmas Dinner” by Paul Stookey, featuring Susan Zork, alto, and David Schwoebel’s arrangement of “Silent Night.” The concert will also include “Magnificat” by John Rutter, and conclude with the Christmas portion of Handel’s “Messiah,” presented by the University Chorale under the baton of Brenton Offenback, graduate choral conducting assistant.

Admission is free for this concert.

The Andrews University Department of Music and Howard Center Presents... A Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 6, at 8 p.m. The Andrews University Symphony Orchestra and the University Singers, conducted by Claudio Gonzalez, present the “Nutcracker Suite” by Tchaikovsky as well as other traditional vocal Christmas music. The second part of the program will include a performance with a jazz trio from Chicago under the
leadership of pianist Belford Hernandez. The production will culminate in the famous Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" with gospel elements. Other works include arrangements by Belford Hernandez and David Williamson.

*Tickets for the Christmas Celebration concert are $15 reserved seating; $5 for students. To reserve tickets, visit [howard.andrews.edu](http://howard.andrews.edu) or call 269-471-3560.*

On **Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m., join us for the December Second Sunday Concert.** Every December this concert features a special Christmas carol sing-along. The Second Sunday Concert Series is a collaboration between WAUS 90.7 FM, the Andrews University Department of Music and the Howard Performing Arts Center.

*No tickets are required; the event is free.*

Other holiday concerts at the Howard Center include:

- **Andrews Academy Christmas Pops:** Saturday, December 13, 7 p.m.
- **Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Christmas Choral Concert:** Monday, December 15, 7 p.m.
- **Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Instrumental Christmas Concert:** Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m.