

Symphony year starts impressively



second runs
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"Nighthawks" (1981), 9 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 7. Originally 99 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

Sylvester "Sly" Stallone stars in one of the more chilling movies about terrorism since "The Day of the Jackal" (1973). Stallone and partner Billy Dee Williams are street cops thrust into the pursuit of a terrorist, played with teeth-clenching menace by Rutger Hauer. The action is compelling and the plot twists are aly indeed. Lindsay Wagner, Persis Khambatta and Nigel Davenport also star. Rating: 43/20.

"Red Sun" (1972), 1 Monday night on Ch. 7. Originally 112 minutes. TV time slot: 125 minutes.

"The Seven Samurai" meet "The Magnificent Seven." In a sense, as Toshirō Mifune and Charles Bronson join forces to return a samurai sword to its rightful owner in the American west, "Red Sun" is full of action, style and wit. And its director, Terence Young, is right at home with the formula, having directed several James Bond films and many Charles Bronson vehicles. Alan Deacon, Ursula Andress and Capucine complete the attractive cast. Rating: 43/25.

WHAT'S IT WORTH?
A ratings guide to the movies

Bad \$1
Fair \$2
Good \$3
Excellent \$4

"Love Come Back" (1982), 1 p.m. Tuesday on Ch. 50. Originally 107 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

The best of the Rock Hudson and Doris Day movies is "Love Come Back," a send-up of the advertising game as well as a spoof of the sexes. Hudson and Day are advertising competitors who, of course, eventually fall in love, but not before the film satirizes the worst that Madison Avenue has to offer. Tony Randall, Edie Adams and Jack Oakie costar. The script is by Stanley Shapiro, who won an Oscar for his screenplay for Hudson and Day's first film together, "Pillow Talk."

Rating: 43/20.
Note: The next Hudson-Day film, "Send Me No Flowers" (1984), airs at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, on Ch. 50.

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special writer

The new year was off to a good start last week with the latest program of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

This first subscription program of 1985 featured guest conductor David Zinman and cellist Ralf Kirshbaum. Zinman is already known to DSO regulars, having appeared here during the recent Meadow Brook Music Festival.

For cellist Kirshbaum, this appearance marked his debut with the DSO, but his reputation is growing fast both here and abroad. On this occasion he performed the Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor by Saint Saens. This work received a far-named performance as large as the instrument is concerned.

The themes of this concerto flowed with natural ease, with tone quality that was broad and rich, but not forced. The fine expressiveness of the second movement came through well. The somber introductory theme and its subsequent recapitulation in the lower register

at the end of the movement were impressively rendered. With few exceptions, the technique in the faster movements was flawless.

THE ONE drawback in the work was the orchestral role which sounded simplistic and not always inspiring. In particular, the orchestra was at odds with the soloist in the development section of the first movement, at one point being on the verge of falling apart.

However, these orchestral shortcomings weren't present during the other selections of the program. The opening selection, the "Francesca da Rimini" Overture by Tchaikovsky, sounded far more profound than

one would expect from an ordinary overture. Fortunately, this overture hasn't been as commercialized as the "1812" Overture, making it possible to listen to it with a straight face.

The portrayal of the whirly passages and their contrast with the lyric middle part were most convincing. While this work is considerably longer than many other overtures, interest was sustained without any feeling of redundancy.

The most significant orchestral work on the program was the Bartok Concerto for Orchestra. Zinman, who had been characteristically impressive in his rapport with the orchestra and his superb control and tech-



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nique, was even more impressive with Bartok's celebrated work.

EVEN THOSE for whom Bartok isn't among their top favorite composers, can't be oblivious to his Concerto for Orchestra. The work, frequently heard on recordings, sounds far more impressive in a live performance, and this was particularly true in this case.

Zinman and the DSO

successfully tackled the challenges of this composition. These include the brass figure in the first movement, the difficult solo passages for pairs of winds in the second movement and the sixing violin passages in the final movement, which were precise and accurate in spite of the fast tempo.

The famous mockery of the Shostakovich

theme in the fourth movement, as portrayed in this performance, would have undoubtedly amused Shostakovich himself, for he had a keen sense of humor too.

Zinman is scheduled to conduct a second program this week consisting of works by House, Elgar and Brahms (Piano Concerto No. 1). Guest pianist will be Horacio Gutierrez.

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