Christopher Hayes, an assistant trombone professor at Ohio University, guests with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Thursday, Aug. 22.

SYMPHONY

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endured inclement weather three of the last four. But Bennett's thinking only positive thoughts for the concert featuring Livonia vocalist Rebekah Walker. A second year voice major at Western Michigan University School of Music, Walker sings songs such as *I Could Have Danced All Night* and *Music of the Night* from *Phantom of the Opera*. Her first CD *Classical Favorites* will be available at the concert.

"We borrowed the stage from the city of Plymouth the first two years," said Bennett. "The LSO has historically played a trio of American patriotic music in addition to the light classical and pops."

"There's a variety of music," said assistant conductor and French horn player Carl Karoub. "It's old fashioned music in the park. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Richard Rodgers we'll play *Victory at Sea*, a song written for a World War II film score and guest artist Christopher Hayes performs *Blue Bells of Scotland* and *Danny Boy*."

"It's a family concert," adds music director Volodymyr Shesiuk. "Chris is Carl's son-in-law."

Shesiuk asks Karoub if he would like to conduct the selections in which Hayes is soloing. It's obvious friendship is key to the longevity of this orchestra. Many musicians have performed with the orchestra for years because of the relationships formed between members, music director and board of directors.

But it will take more than mutual admiration to keep the orchestra on the stage of Churchill High School auditorium in Livonia for the 2002-2003 season. Karoub is sending out an S.O.S. (Save Our Symphony). Ticket sales account for only 30-percent of the budget so he's asking for sponsorships, donations or even to leave the orchestra a gift in your bequest. Another way is by attending the Oct. 11 benefit featuring a dinner, silent auction and light classical concert at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are $50. Call (734) 425-4855.

Buying a ticket to the benefit will help the orchestra put on their 30th season which opens 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, with guest violinist Carla Trymchuk performing Edvard Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*. The always popular *Nutcracker* returns Dec. 7, with the Dearborn Ballet Theatre. University of Michigan School of Music piano professor Arthur Greene performs Rachmaninoff's *Concerto No. 2* Jan. 18. The intimate auditorium of the Livonia Civic Center Library is the setting for a chamber concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. The first four movements of Brahms *German Requiem* concludes the season March 15, at Ward Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northville, and combines the choirs of the church and Madonna University under the direction of Dave Wagner. Ticket prices are $16, $10 students and children.

"It's the friendly atmosphere, the good musicianship which I enjoy," said Karoub, an orchestra member for the last 23 years. "But we need the community's support."

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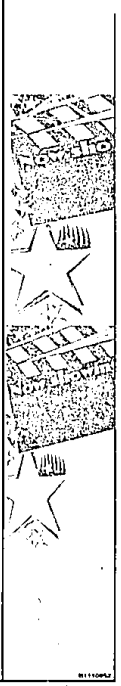

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BLUE CRUSH
This is the story of two young women working as hotel maids in a remote Maui community have nothing else to do with their time, so they surf, and become very good at it, eventually entering a traditionally all-male surf competition. Stars Michelle Rodriguez, Kate Bosworth, Mika Boorem, Matthew Davis, Sanoe Lake, Faizon Love. Directed by John Stockwell. (Universal Pictures)

THE ADVENTURES OF PLUTO NASH
Pluto Nash, the owner of a nightclub on the Moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. Stars Eddie Murphy, Randy Quaid, Rosario Dawson, Peter Boyle, Mileena Douglas, Pam Grier, Jay Mohr, Joe Pantoliano, James Rebhorn, Victor Varnado. Directed by Ron Underwood. (Warner Bros.)

THE GOOD GIRL
The story centers on Justine (Jennifer Aniston), who longs to have a child with her husband Phil (John C. Reilly) but has so far been unable to conceive. She wonders if all the pot he smokes with his best friend, Bubba (Tim Blake Nelson) might be the reason why. Justine finds a soul mate in Holden (Jake Gyllenhaal), a passionate man who represents a chance for her to escape into a new world of emotional and sexual awakening. But when the affair moves from liberation to poisonous obsession, Justine finds herself ensnared in a chaotic web of blackmail, larceny and love. Miguel Arteta ("STAR MAPS") directs the comedy, marking his first since completing CHUCK AND BUCK in 2000. (Fox Searchlight) Rated R

POSSESSION
Maud Bailey (Gwyneth Paltrow), a brilliant English academic given to doing things by the book, is researching the life and work of poet Christabel LeMotte (Jennifer Ehle). Roland Mitchell (Aaron Eckhart) is an upstart American scholar in London on a fellowship to study the great Randolph Henry Ash (Jeremy Northam), now best known for a collection of rapturous, late-life poems dedicated to his wife. When Maud and Roland discover a cache of love letters that appear to be from Ash to LaMotte, they follow a trail of clues across England to the Continent, echoing the journey of the impassioned couple a century earlier. (USA Films) Rated PG-13

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, AUG. 23

THE KID SAYS IN THE PICTURE
Traces the meteoric rise, fall, and rise again of legendary Hollywood producer Robert Evans. As chief of production at Paramount Pictures, Evans was responsible for bringing some of the greatest films of the era to the screen, including The Godfather, Rosemary's Baby, Love Story, The Odd Couple, The Conformist, Harold and Maude, and Chinatown. Adapted from Mr. Evans' tell-all autobiography, the movie takes the audience on an intimate journey into the mind of this Hollywood legend. (FOCUS Features) Rated R

SERVING SARA
This is the story of a process server who is convinced by a New York wife, Sara (Hurley), to serve her husband in Texas with divorce papers. So, the two embark on a road trip...Stars Elizabeth Hurley, Matthew Perry, Bruce Campbell, Cedric the Entertainer, Vincent Pastore, Amy Adams. Directed by Reginald Hudlin. (Paramount Pictures)

THEY
After witnessing a horrible incident, a graduate student struggles to find the link between her childhood fear of the dark and the night terrors she now suffers... could the things that scared her years ago have actually been... real? Stars Laura Regan, Marc Blucas, Dagmara Dominczyk, Ethan Embry, Jon Abrahams. Directed by Robert Harmon. (Dimension Films)

Eddie Murphy stars in the action/adventure comedy *The Adventures of Pluto Nash*, opening in local theaters on Friday, Aug. 16

UNDISPUTED
James "Iceman" Chambers (Rhames), the heavyweight boxing champ, convicted of rape is sentenced to prison, where an old-time gangster (Falk) arranges a bout between Chambers and the Undisputed prison champ, Monroe Hutchen. Stars Ving Rhames, Wesley Snipes, Peter Falk, Steve Heinze, Ed Lover, Master P, Michael Rooker, Jon Seda, Fisher Stevens, Wes Studi, James Toney. Directed by Walter Hill. (Miramax Films). Rated R.

SIMONE
Al Pacino stars as a disillusioned Hollywood producer whose film is in trouble when his star walks off the movie. Desperate for a hit, he decides to digitally create an actress. The actress who everyone thinks is a real person becomes an overnight sensation. Featured players include Jason Schwartzman (Rushmore), Jay Mohr (Pay it Forward), Catherine Keener (Being John Malcovich), and Chris Coppola (Spawn). Andrew Niccol helms the drama, making his first since completing Gattaca in 1997. (New Line) Rated PG-13

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, AUG. 30

FEARDOTCOM
A series of deaths arouse the suspicion of a police detective (Dorff) and a health examiner (McElhone), who suspect it may all have to do with the victims' shared visits to a web site called Feardotcom, run by a "black widow" woman who may be playing a deadly game. Stars Stephen Dorff, Udo Kier, Natascha McElhone, Stephen Rea, Jeffrey Combs, Gesine Cukrowski. Directed by William Malone. (Warner Bros.) Rated R. Running time: 98 minutes.

MOSTLY MARTHA
In a charming European city, a head chef for a chic restaurant, Martha (Martina Gedeck) relies on her culinary skill as her primary means of communication. She lives for her work and presides with obsessive care over a spotless, precise kitchen. When a fateful accident leaves Lina, her eight-year-old headstrong niece, in her care, Martha's orderly life begins to come undone. When the owner is forced to bring in help, Martha and the new flamboyant, fun-loving Italian sous chef (Sergio Castellitto) are instantly at odds. Yet as time goes by, with her whole world turned upside down and her personal space more crowed than she could ever imagine, Martha begins to find a new recipe for life. (Paramount Classics) Rated PG-13

ONE HOUR PHOTO
The story tells of Sy Parrish (Robin Williams), a lonely photo technician at a local SavMart one-hour photo counter who develops an unsettling obsession with the Yorkins, long time customers with whom he invents a familial connection. Featured players include Connie Nielsen, Eric La Salle, and Michael Vartan. Mark Romanek directed the thriller. (Fox Searchlight) Rated R

SLAP HER, SHE'S FRENCH
A French foreign exchange student (Piper Perabo) in a small Texas town's high school upsets the balance by trying to usurp the position of the most popular girl. (Premiere Marketing and Distribution Group) Rated PG-13

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

BOAT TRIP
Two straight men take a Caribbean cruise on the U.S.S. Calypso, hoping to get lucky, only to discover that they accidentally booked an all-gay cruise instead. Wacky high jinks soon ensue. Stars Cuba Gooding, Jr., Horatio Sanz, Will Ferrell, Vivica A. Fox, Artie Lange, Roger Moore (Lloyd), Richard Roundtree, Roselyn Sanchez (Brett), Lin Shaye, Victoria Silvstedt. Directed by Mort Nathan. (Artisan Ent.)

CITY BY THE SEA
Vincent LaMarca is a NYPD police detective whose father was executed at Sing Sing Prison in the 1950's for kidnapping and murdering a child. Now, while investigating the murder of a surfer on Long Beach (aka "The City by the Sea"), he has discovered that his own son, Joey, is the primary suspect. Even as he's grappling with the news, he also has to deal with the media, which quickly swoops in on the case. Stars Robert De Niro, James Franco, Eliza Dushku, William Forsythe, Patti LuPone, Frances McDormand, George Dzundza. Directed by Michael Caton-Jones. (Warner Bros.) Rated R. Running Time: 98 minutes

PAID IN FULL
From behind the counter of the dry cleaner where he works, Ace longingly covets the expensive cars and flashy clothes of his friends, Mitch and Calvin. But with a chance encounter, Ace's world is about to dramatically change. On a routine laundry drop-off, Ace meets Lulu, whose apartment and elaborate jewelry hint at a life of luxury. Ace is quickly lured into the world of drug dealing, where easy money affords him a position in the illicit underworld. But as his friends and family become pawns and victims, Ace realizes that he must pay a high price for his growing success. Stars Wood Harris, Regina Hall, Kevin Carroll, Esai Morales, Elise Neal, Cam'ron, Chi McBride, and Mekhi Phifer. Directed by Charles Stone III. (Miramax)

SWIMFAN
The life of a championship swimmer and his romance with his high school sweetheart are shattered with the arrival of a seductive "new girl in town," who quickly sets her sights on the impressionable young man. She becomes his biggest "fan" and most unexpected nightmare, as her obsessions quickly spiral out of control into betrayal, madness, and ultimately murder. Featured players include Jesse Bradford (Bring It On), Shiri Appleby (TV's Roswell) as Amy, and Erika Christensen (Traffic) as Madison, the new girl with the fatal attraction. Kate Burton, and Dan Hedaya. Directed by John Polson. (Twentieth Century Fox) PG-13