



Conductor Volodymyr Shesliuk leads a rehearsal of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

# Brahms' German Requiem center of Livonia Symphony concert

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra's final concert of the season will be a big one as it teams up with 80 voices of the Ward Presbyterian Church choir on Saturday, March 15. The 80 voice choir under the direction of Carole Halmekangas has a reputation for performing excellent liturgical music.

The concert titled *Of Kings and Resurrection* features *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms which is considered the first major success of the composer's career. It is ranked by many "as the loftiest music ever given to the world."

In addition to the orchestra and choir conducted by Volodymyr Shesliuk, the concert showcases the magnificent Ward organ with choir

director Carole Halmekangas at the console and soloists Yvonne Walsh, soprano and Ken Casey, baritone. Robert Bennett, president of the LSO anticipates "this concert to be magnificent with the combined affect of orchestra, choir, and organ coupled with the beauty and marvelous acoustics of the church nave - "to say nothing about the Brahms music," he declares.

Also on the concert program are works from two other giant composers; the *Overture to King Stephen* by Ludwig Von Beethoven and *Symphony No. 104* by Franz Joseph Haydn. Both pieces, which will be in the first half of the program, should be a delight for the audience and will set the stage for the dramatic second half.

### LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

What: Performs Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" with the Ward Presbyterian Church choir

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15

Where: At the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, west of Haggerty, Northville

Tickets: \$16, \$8 students of all ages and available at all three Livonia libraries, at Ticketmaster outlets or at the church. For more information, call (734) 425-4855.

Tickets will also be sold at the door on concert night

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