

Berlin Philharmonic to perform in Ann Arbor

CLASSICAL

One of the top two or three orchestras in the world, the Berlin Philharmonic hasn't performed locally in eight years. That alone would raise expectations for Tuesday's concert in Ann Arbor. But as they say on TV, there's *more!*

The concert marks the local debut of the orchestra with music director Simon Rattle, the British conductor who took the reigns from Claudio Abbado in 2002. It was just last month that the orchestra announced it had extended Rattle's contract until 2018. Then there's the heavyweight program that includes two Brahms symphonies — Nos. 3 and 4, along with a rarity by Arnold Schoenberg, "Accompaniment to a Cinematographic Scene," completed in 1930. And as a reminder of just how lucky we are to have the University Musical Society, the concert's producer, as part of our cultural menu in metro Detroit, the Berliners are performing in just five other cities on their U.S. tour — New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

8 p.m. Tuesday, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. 734-764-2538 or 800-221-1229. www.ums.org. \$10-\$125.

MUSIC OF THE NIGHT: Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music," which opened on Broadway in 1973, is one of the composer-lyricist's earliest masterpieces. A biting comedy of manners about several mismatched sets of lovers at the turn of the 20th Century, the sumptuous, operetta-like score is written entirely in waltz time and filled with memorable tunes — "Send in the Clowns," "A Weekend in the Country," "You Must Meet My Wife," "Everyday a Little Death." Michigan Opera Theatre, which last produced the work in 1983, has brought in a pair of Broadway and TV stars, Leslie Uggams and Ron Raines, to head the cast.

MOT assistant music director Suzanne Mallare Acton will conduct, and the show will be staged by director Dona Vaughn.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday and Nov. 20-21; 2:30 p.m. Nov. 22. Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. 313-237-7464. www.michiganopera.org. \$29-\$121. (To read an interview with Sondheim, go to freep.com/entertainment.)

RETURN OF THE RUSSIAN: Pianist Vladimir Feltsman made such a striking impression at his 2008 debut for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit that the Russian has been re-engaged pretty much as quickly as possible — endorsements don't come much stronger than that. Feltsman, 57, has a rousing technique, charisma and fertile mind. The program includes a

pair of ambitious 19th-Century classics, Schubert's B-flat Sonata, D. 960, and Chopin's "4 Ballades."

8 p.m. Saturday, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. Thirteen Mile, Beverly Hills. 248-855-6070. www.comehearcmtd.org. \$43-\$75 (\$25, students).



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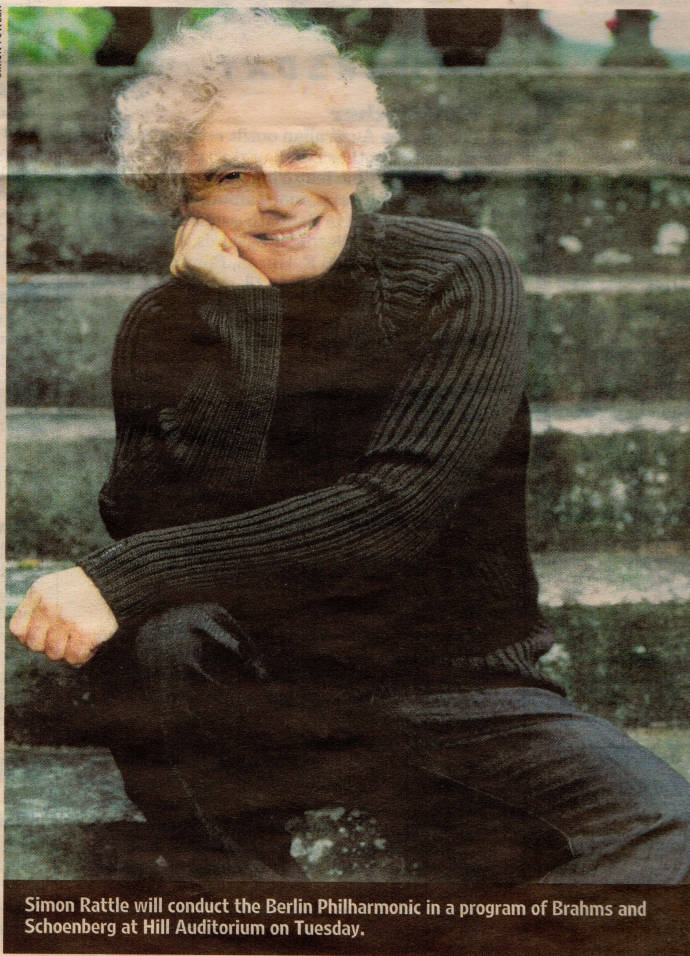
JAZZ

One of the unsung heroes on the Detroit jazz scene, Brad Felt plays the euphonium with such a compelling combination of brains, facility and a command of contemporary post-bop that he makes you forget that his instrument is still a rarity in jazz. Few players handle the big horn with as much authority in this idiom. Felt's NuQuartet Plus is celebrating the release of a terrific new album, "First Call." With saxophonist Steve Wood, pianist Gary Schunk, bassist Nick Calandro and drummer Bill Higgins.

9 p.m. Thursday, Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park, Detroit. 313-961-2543. www.cliffbells.com

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SIMON FOWLER



Simon Rattle will conduct the Berlin Philharmonic in a program of Brahms and Schoenberg at Hill Auditorium on Tuesday.

MORE CLASSICAL PERFORMANCES

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Pops series, "Disco Days and Boogie Nights," featuring conductor Jack Everly. Performing the music of the Bee Gees, ABBA, Queen and Gloria Gaynor, 10:45 a.m. & 8 p.m. Thu., 8:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m. Sun. Orchestra Hall at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. 313-576-5111. \$19-\$123.

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra: "Brahms & Friends," featuring conductor Arie Lipsky and pianist Anton Nel. Also performing works by Prokofiev and Bizet, 8 p.m. Sat. Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. 734-994-4801. \$6-\$49.

Ensemble Chaconne: "Measure for Measure: The Music of Shakespeare's Plays," 7:30 p.m. Fri. Chapel of the Holy Trinity (Concordia University), 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor. 734-995-7300. \$15, \$10 students and seniors.

Many Voices ... One Song: Featuring conductor Tom Trenney. Performing works by composers including Carmen Cavallero, Aaron Copland and Stephen Foster. 7:30 p.m. Fri. First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. 248-644-2040. Free. 7 p.m. Sun. Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 4000 W. Six Mile, Northville. 248-540-9124. Free.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony: 4 p.m. Sun. Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake, Clarkston. 248-223-9883. \$10 adults, \$5 students.

Michigan Flute Orchestra: Featuring director Shaul Ben-Meir, 3 p.m. Sun. Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. 734-432-5715. \$10.

Motor City Brass Band: Featuring conductor Craig Strain, 3 p.m. Sun. Temple Theatre, 203 N. Washington, Saginaw. 989-754-7469. \$55-\$115 for full-season membership.

Music at St. Lorenz: With organist Dr. Scott M. Hyslop, 4 p.m. Sun. St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, 140 Churchgrove, Frankenmuth. 989-652-6141. Free.

Music in the Woods: With harpsichordist Dr. Glenn Burdette. Performing works by Bach, Hayden, and Purcell, 8 p.m. Sat. All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike, Pontiac. 248-334-4571. \$16-\$26.

"Nordic Weave": "Magic Carpet" family concert series, 10 a.m. & noon Sat. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. 734-769-2999. \$20 per family. Reservations recommended.

Pontiac Oakland Symphony: "Mendelssohn's 200th." Also performing works by Copland, Handel and Purcell, 8 p.m. Sat. All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike, Pontiac. 248-334-4571. \$16-\$26.

Scandinavian Festival Concert: "Nordic Romance," featuring violinist Paul Lundin, pianist Angelina Pashmakova and cellist Katri Ervamaa, 7 p.m. Sat. Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. 734-769-2999. \$5-\$25.

University of Michigan Opera Theatre & Symphony Orchestra: "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, 7:30 p.m. Thu., 8 p.m. Fri.-Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. 734-764-2538. \$24 and \$18, \$9 students.

Warren Symphony Orchestra: "American Favorites," 4 p.m. Sun. Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. 586-286-2222. \$23, \$20 seniors, \$10 college students.

Woodward Corridor Musicians: "For the Young at Heart," featuring the Suzuki Royal Oak String Quartet. Performing works by Beethoven, Milhaud, Hayden, Ravel and Jacob, 2 p.m. Sun. Oak Park Library, 14200 Oak Park, Oak Park. 248-691-7480. Free.