

AU Symphony concert to feature two student soloists

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Student soloists Mark Dey and Ashley Taylor will perform with the Alfred University Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 1) in Holmes Auditorium. Dey, a sophomore ceramic engineering major, will perform Darius Milhaud's "Concerto for Percussion & Orchestra." Taylor, a freshman ceramic engineering student, will perform Camille Saint Saens's "Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso." The program will also include Verdi's "La Forza del Destino," Copland's "Hoedown," and works by LeRoy Anderson, all under the baton of Dr. Lisa Lantz, assistant professor of strings at AU. The concert is free and open to the public. A graduate of Wellsville High School, Taylor, a violinist, has won an AU Performing Arts Scholarship, a Southern Tier Scholarship, and the CEMS Fellowship Award. She has been a member of the Wellsville Performing Arts Orchestra; the Allegany Youth Wind Symphony; the Conference All-State Symphony Orchestra; the All-County Band, Jazzband, and Choir; and the "Somethin' Else" combo. In addition, she has been the featured soloists with the All-State Orchestra and the Houghton Spring String Festival. Mark Dey, a percussionist, started playing drums at age 5 and was soon taking lessons from his music teachers at Wayland-Cohocton Central School. Throughout school, he played in the band and in jazz ensembles, as well as 12 All-County ensembles and one Area All-State Band. He and his friends in high school also formed a jazz combo, "Strike Anywhere," which often played in Rochester. In June 2000, Dey enlisted in the US Army Reserve as a percussionist. After basic combat training at Ft. Benning, GA, he was stationed with the 283rd Army Band. The son of Thomas & Kazuko Dey of Springwater, he is now a member of the 98th Division (IT) Band in Rochester. Dey is a recipient of the AU Performing Arts Scholarship and the Jonathan Allen Award for leadership. He also placed third in the New York State College of Ceramics Scholarship Competition for ceramic engineering & materials science. ###