

Soloist to perform Friday with AU Symphony Orchestra

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The Alfred University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Lisa Lantz, chairman of the Performing Arts Division, will present a concert on Friday, April 6, at 8 p.m., Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. Featured soloist David Peter Coppen from Rochester, will perform the ever-popular Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor. The concert will open with the "Barber of Seville" Overture by Rossini. Also on the program is the finale from Mendelssohn's "Reformation" Symphony which features the beautiful Bach Chorale "Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott" ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God"). AU student clarinetist Georg Neubauer will be featured with the orchestra in the Romanze from the Stamitz Clarinet Concerto No. 3. The orchestra includes three seniors. Rachel Parker, psychology major, has found time to play violin in the orchestra during most of her years at Alfred, but she considers her main instrument to be piano. Parker is studying jazz piano with Peter O'Connor as a Brenda Johnson Scholarship recipient. Another senior leaving the orchestra is Josh Gibson, percussionist and history major. Josh started drumming in the seventh grade and has been in bands - concert, jazz and punk - ever since. Here at AU he has played with the Middle Eastern Dance Club, the Chamber Singers and the choir in addition to the orchestra. Another senior leaving orchestra is engineering student Stephen Peifer who plays the cello. Peifer started piano in first grade and cello in fifth but he became serious about it in high school. His interest in music brought him to Alfred. He still plays piano for fun but cello is his instrument.