

Symphony Orchestra, guest soloist to perform in new Miller Theater

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The Division of Performing Arts presents the Alfred University Symphony Orchestra in concert on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. in the new Miller Theater on campus. This event is open to the public free of charge. The performance will feature piano soloist David Peter Coppen. Directed by Lisa Lantz, associate professor of music/strings and chair of the Performing Arts Division, the orchestra will play two songs by Ludwig van Beethoven "Symphony No.1 in C Major, Opus 21" and "Piano Concerto No.3 in C minor, Opus 37."The program will also include the "Warsaw Concerto" by Richard Addinsell dedicated to (Alfred University Trustee) Marlin and Ginger Miller, donors of the new Miller Theater.Lantz is an experienced orchestral conductor with performances in both choral and symphonic works. She earned a Ph.D. in music arts from Ohio State University and a master's degree in music and specialist in music performance from the University of Michigan. She has participated in European master classes with internationally renowned artists.Coppen is a pianist, music librarian, and bibliographer. He earned his bachelor of music degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, where he majored in piano performance. He later studied library and information science at the University of Illinois- Urbana-Champaign. Coppen is the author of "The Public Life of Andrei Sakharov, 1966-89: A Bibliographical Chronicle." He has appeared annually with the AU Symphony Orchestra since 2001 and is also a member of the Alfred Trio, which has performed regularly in Allegany County since the trio's founding in June 2001.