

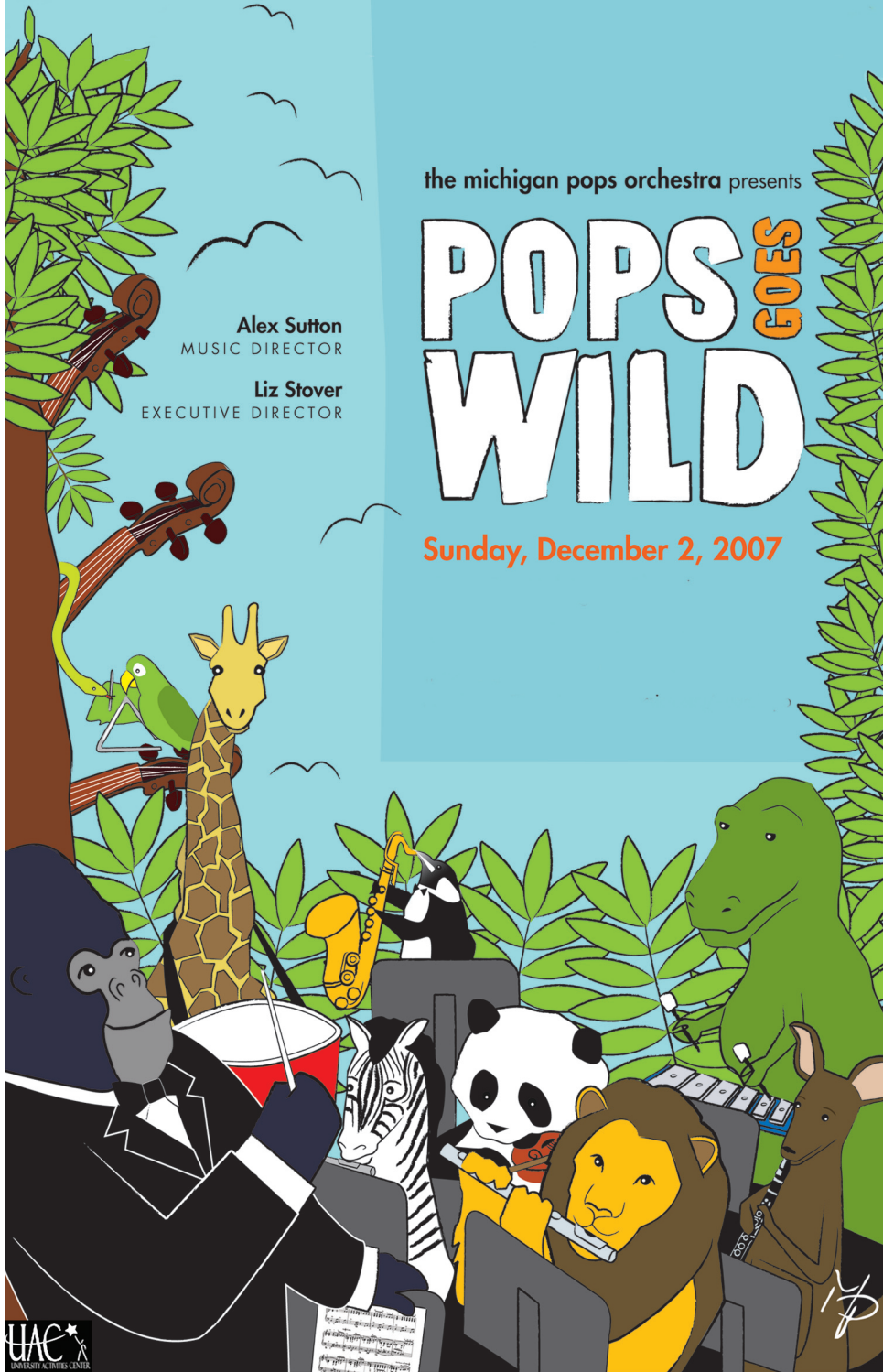
the michigan pops orchestra presents

# POPS GOES WILD

Sunday, December 2, 2007

Alex Sutton  
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Liz Stover  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to

# Pops Goes WILD!!

Welcome to the jungle! Thank you for joining us at Pops Goes Wild!

Over the past twelve years, the Michigan Pops Orchestra has bopped down Broadway, traveled around the world, dove under the sea, and, most recently, gone on a bon voyage to Paris, France!

We ask you tonight, kings and vagabonds, to join our menagerie of 100 musicians and live like animals in the jungle! Now that you've entered the great gates of the Michigan Theater Zoo, grab a vine and swing through the forest, but be sure to watch out for lions and tigers and bears—oh my! Get ready to meet some wild creatures on tonight's safari: crouching tigers, hidden dragons, King Kong, and even a tyrannosaurus rex!

As the only student-run, student-directed orchestra on campus, Pops is thankful for the generosity of many individuals who have helped make this concert possible. Special thanks to Mary Kisor of UAC, Steve Weaver of First Impression Printing, Amanda Strong and Scott Clarke of the Michigan Theater, Julie Morgan of the Major Events Office, Maggie St. Clair and the Michigan Marching Band, Mary Steffek Blaske, David Osit and the Squirrel Club, President Tuxedo, Dave Schall for recording, Phyllis Wong for graphic design, Nathaniel Madura for Lighting, and Michael Chang for photography. Please know how grateful we are to each of you for your contributions to tonight's production!

Finally, thank you, our fabulous audience, for joining us this evening. We value your support and truly hope you enjoy the show. Whether tonight is your first or twentieth Pops performance, we hope you'll join us for years to come. Now let's go wild!

We look forward to seeing you again in the spring!

Liz Stover  
Executive Director, Michigan Pops Orchestra

**The Michigan Pops Orchestra Presents:**

# **Pops Goes WILD!**

Sunday December 2, 2007 - 7pm - Michigan Theater

National Geographic ..... Elmer Bernstein  
Orch. by Patrick Russ

King of the Forest ..... Music by Harold Arlen  
Arr. by Alex Sutton

Vocalist: Max Spitulnik

Carnival of the Animals ..... Camille Saint-Saëns  
Trans. by Steven L. Rosenhaus

I. Introduction and Royal March of the Lion

II. Kangaroos

IV. Fossils

V. Finale

The Eternal Vow from Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon ... Tan Dun

Pictures at an Exhibition ..... Modest Mussorgsky

IX. The Hut on Hen's Legs (Baba-Yaga)

X. The Great Gate of Kiev

-- Intermission --

King Kong ..... Max Steiner  
Restored by Christopher Palmer

Disney's Tarzan Orchestral Suite ..... Songs by Phil Collins  
Score by Mark Macina  
Arr. by David Metzger

La gazza ladra (The Thieving Magpie) ..... Gioachino Rossini

Can You Feel The Love Tonight ..... Music by Elton John  
Words by Tim Rice

Vocalists: Max Kumangai-McGee & Lisa Briggs

Highlights from Jurassic Park ..... John Williams  
Arr. Calvin Custer



# The Orchestra

Alex Sutton, Conductor



## Violin I

Dan Winnick,  
Concertmaster  
Josh Elson  
Alistair Hayden  
Cassie Jeng  
Erin Kelly  
Reina Kikuchi  
James Kornacki  
Jessica Lai  
Jianxin Li  
Mang-Git Ng  
Amanda Opaskar  
Emily Potter  
Shari Rosen  
Zoe Rudisill  
Katelyn Sedelmyer  
Liz Stover  
Kim Stradal  
Ivy Wei

## Bass

Bryan Kolk  
Nicole Sands  
William Stoddard

## Flute

Sarah Fike\*  
Katie Kunz  
Erin Platte  
Virginia Silvis

## Piccolo

Sarah Fike

## Oboe

Jessica Bickel\*  
Becky Thiel

## Violin II

Sarah Thiel\*  
Lyndsay Brown  
Theresa Bomer  
Melody Campbell  
Michael Chang  
Seon Ki Cho  
Brittany Drenkow  
Alexa Erickson  
Jackie Ferman  
Julie Heringhausen  
Jeanne Lee  
Grace Liu  
Clare McGuire  
Liz Parker  
Rimma Polevoy  
Aaron Rosen  
Rhea Sirkar  
Justin Tien  
Andy Whitten



## English horn

Jessica Bickel

## Clarinets

Abby DeBofsky\*  
Eliezah Dale  
Elizabeth Dougherty  
Malisa Lewis  
Maya Subbarao

## Viola

Zack Rosenthal\*  
Julie Cprek  
Hannah Chahbazi  
Lindsay Harmon  
Hannah Smith  
Ben Srivastava  
Laura Weiser  
Annie Weldon  
Grant Wu  
Randy Yao

## Cello

Erin Bachynski\*  
Diana Keung\*  
Huai-Mei Chiang\*  
Albert Chow  
Michael Eisenberg  
Nate Friedman  
Kenny Koshorek  
Gaby Kuschmann  
Lindsay Parker  
Jeannie Slivensky  
Alex Warbasse  
Jennifer Wurtzel

## Bass Clarinet/Saxophone

Brian Einstein Lassiter

## Bassoons

Doré Deffebaugh\*  
Ray Bilter

\* indicates Principal  
+ indicates last  
concert with Pops

# The Orchestra

## Trumpet

Allison Wachter\*  
Laura Chanoux  
A. Jay Holmgren

## Horn

Jonathan Duggan\*  
David Chapel  
Clark Frye  
Katie Hunsberger  
Kevin McDonough  
Casey Stiehl  
Marie Ternes  
Maria Vitale

## Trombone

Matt VanderLaan\*  
Daniel Becker  
Scott Tripp

## Bass Trombone

Nathan Platte

## Tuba

Gabe Mosca



## Percussion

Joel Acevedo\*  
Ashley McNees\*  
Christina Li  
Yuan-Chiao Lu  
Jeldine Madjukie  
Kris McDonough  
Matt VanOverloop

## Piano

Grace Luo

## Harp

Michelle Horvath

## Bass Guitar

William Stoddard



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**Alex Sutton** continues his affiliation with the Michigan Pops Orchestra, this year as Conductor for "Pops Goes Wild". A native of Milan, MI, Alex Sutton is currently pursuing undergraduate studies in music education and conducting at The University of Michigan. He has studied conducting with Paul Rardin and Andrew George, and studies voice with Caroline Helton. During his tenure at Michigan, Alex has had the honor of performing under the batons of internationally-acclaimed conductors Helmuth Rilling and Valery Gergiev, and has participated in conducting workshops with Jerry Blackstone and Sigrid Johnson. Alex has conducted the University of Michigan Arts Chorale, Orpheus Singers, and Campus Philharmonia Orchestra, and in April 2006, he premiered media artist Angela Veomett's multimedia cantata Chernobyl Generation, scored for women's chorus and digital media. Alex is "wild" about serving the Michigan Pops Orchestra as Music Director and Conductor for the 2007-2008 season.



### Some of Our Musicians...



Photographs courtesy of Michael Chang

# Did You Know?

Animals are classified into: Life, Domain, Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and Species.

Ogden Nash set poems to the movements of Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals".

There are 1,250,000 animals of which 58,808 are vertebrates. Only 5,416 are mammals.

"Tarzan of the Apes," by Edgar Rice Burroughs, was first published as a story in "All-Story" Magazine in 1912.

The Red Kangaroo is the largest living marsupial and can be up to 6'7" tall and weigh 200 lbs.

John Williams has been writing movie soundtracks since 1965.

"The Lion King" won two Academy Awards including "Best Music" for the score by Hans Zimmer.

The Chinese are also known as the "Lung Tik Chuan Ren" or Descendants of the Dragon.

The smallest mammal in the world is the Bumblebee Bat, which is 30-40mm in length and 1.5 to 2g in weight.

"La gazza ladra (The Thieving Magpie)" by Rossini is about a girl who is accused of stealing but the real thief is a magpie.

The budget for "The Wizard of Oz" was \$2,777,000. This was a large enough budget that the movie was not considered more than a marginal success in the box office until its rerelease in 1949.

The National Geographic Society is one of the largest not-for-profit organizations in the world.

Baba Yaga is a witch from Russian folklore who eats little children and lives in a house supported by hens legs with a fence made of bones.



On behalf of the entire Michigan Pops executive board, thank you all for coming tonight and we look forward to seeing you at our next concert!

~ Jessica Bickel  
Program Director, Michigan Pops Orchestra

MPO Small Ensembles Concert  
Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 9pm at the UM League Underground

MPO String Orchestra  
Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 8pm at the East Quad Recital Hall

MPO Winter Concert  
Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 7pm at the Michigan Theater

