



BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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**The BPO Presents Professor Checkerhead!**

Feb. 3, 2008, Buffalo, NY — The BPO presents the wacky Professor Checkerhead for an afternoon of fun and music utilizing the orchestra in amazing and zany ways, from juggling balls on the tympani to balancing violins. Also featured is the incredible Concerto for Kids Toys! Music is the universal and the Professor breaks down the barriers with humor to help the young audience feel in touch with symphonic music.

The concert will be presented at Kleinhans Music Hall on Sunday, February 10 at 2:30PM. For available tickets, please call the BPO Box Office at 885-5000 or visit [www.bpo.org](http://www.bpo.org). This concert is part of the Wendy's Family Series.

**Artist Profiles**

**Robert Franz** - The Resident Conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Music Director of the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra and is also Music Director Emeritus of the Carolina Chamber Symphony. Previously he has held conducting positions with the Louisville Orchestra and Youth Orchestra, Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Symphony, National Repertory Orchestra and the International Music Program Orchestra (NCSA). He has guest conducted North Carolina, Chatanooga, Columbus (OH), Charleston, National Repertory, Reading, Oshkosh, Spokane and Winston-Salem symphonies; the Cumberland Valley Chamber Players; Oberlin Conservatory Symphony Orchestra, the NCSA summer Music Festival, Illuminations, the Asheville Lyric Opera Company, and the Killington Music Festival String Orchestra.

**David Aiken**, known to millions around the world as the Comic Daredevil **Checkerboard Guy**, has thrilled audiences with his feats of juggling and balancing at Festivals and Fairs, Theatres, and Corporate Events for over 20 years. David is one of the top variety acts in the world, traveling throughout Canada, the US and Asia with his zany checkerboard persona. His wild antics have pleased audiences in all sorts of settings, from impromptu stages at special events, to television, to the theatre. Checkerboard Guy is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

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