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# Music in Brief

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## **Pops plays film songs**

This Sunday, the oldest popular music campus orchestra in the country will unleash its inner beast. Michigan Pops is made entirely of students (graduate and undergraduate). This year's new music director, Alex Sutton, who worked with the orchestra previously as a choral director and an assistant conductor, veritably gushes with enthusiasm about this year's performance.

"The orchestra has been working tirelessly, and they're very, very eager to perform the music for an audience," Sutton said in a phone interview. Sunday's selections will be based around the theme of "Pops Goes Wild," with music from "Jurassic Park," the 1930s version of "King Kong" and possibly the greatest Disney movie of all time, "The Lion King." Pops will also perform several classical pieces, like "The Carnival of the Animals" by Camille Saint-Saens.

The orchestra's unorthodox spirit is perhaps its greatest asset. "It's music you don't frequently hear in the concert halls," Sutton said. "I mean, I don't think you're going to hear the New York Philharmonic playing 'Tarzan.' Michigan Pops, on the other hand, will, and if its past performances are any indicator, it will do it superbly.

### **"Pops Goes Wild"**

Sunday at 7 p.m.

At the Michigan Theater

\$5 w/ student ID/\$8