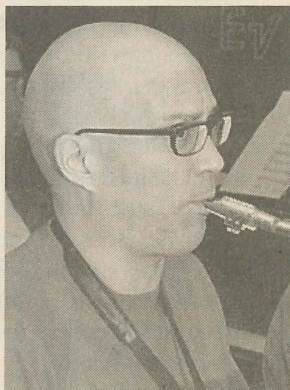


Music

Get a preview of the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's** new music director, Bramwell Tovey. Winnipeg's outgoing maestro guest-conducts Mozart's *Symphony No. 29 in A*, Sibelius' *Symphony No. 5* and Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor* with soloist Cecile Licad. At the *Orpheum*, 8 p.m. (repeated on Monday, same time). Tickets, \$19.25 to \$55, from 280-3311 or 876-3434.

British bassist-composer **Barry Guy**, a regular visitor to these parts, teams with Vancouver's **NOW Orchestra** for two nights of music at the Western Front. Saturday's program is entitled *Witch Gong Game 11/10*, consisting of improvisations inspired by the paintings of Alan Davie. Sunday's program features Guy improvising with guitarist Ron Samworth, reeds player Coat Cooke and drummer Dylan van der Schyff. *Western Front, 303 East Eighth Ave. Saturday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m. Tickets, \$15 (\$12 for members); \$25/\$20 for both shows. 254-5016.*



Coat Cooke

Theatre

Don't miss tonight's thrilling conclusion to **Theatre Under the Gun**, the competition that calls on 10 of the region's smaller theatre companies to come up with an original 15-minute piece based on just 48 hours of writing, rehearsing and staging. Tonight, it's shameless hussy productions, NeWorld Theatre, Electric Company, A Western Theatre Conspiracy and Theatre Skam. At the *Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables, 8 p.m. Tickets \$10, call 280-3311.*

Acts of Passion is a series of readings this weekend of Quebecois plays, put together by Ruby Slippers, Pink Ink Theatre, Théâtre la Seizième and the University of B.C. Tonight at 7:30 p.m., Wajdi Mouawad (*Alphonse*) reads from a new work. At *UBC's Frederic Wood Theatre. Admission by donation. For info, call 872-1861.*