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SRO: PEOPLE TO WATCH

Two heads better

There were two conductors on the podium Sunday afternoon for the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra concert at the Sheely Center of Glenbrook North High School. Music director **Larry Rapchak** shared conducting duties with **Cheryl Frazes-Hill**, director of the Conservatory Chorus of the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. She conducted five works, including short pieces by Morton Lauridsen, Leonard Bernstein, and Canadian composer Healey Willan. The concert, which went nearly two-and-a-half hours, included Villa Lobos "Choros No. 10 for Orchestra and Chorus," Mozart's "Masonic Joy" with tenor soloist **Harold Brock**, and Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy." "We've been planning this program since the middle of summer," Rapchak said Monday. "I wanted a group that could do the Villa Lobos, and these singers were as fine as any young chorus I've ever heard." He also praised his own musicians. "They exceeded themselves," he said, obviously pleased. "They surpassed any expectations." The NSO's next concert is Jan. 20.