

come true for tuba lovers and other aficionados of the low brass instruments.

The LSO Jazz Band performs this Sunday with special guest Ed Mallett. Mallett is a touring low brass soloist who performs with jazz musicians, folk groups, bluegrass players, gospel choirs and in classical music setting. He's also the founder and driving force behind Big Rapids' Tuba-Bach Festival.

This past year, Mallett commissioned Michigan State University music professor Ron Newman to write a piece for the LSO Jazz Band and Mallett. That piece, "Homage," debuted last month at the opening concert of the Tuba-Bach Festival and will be played again this Sunday.

Another guest at the LSO concert will be bassist and Lansing native Jeff Halsey. Halsey heads the jazz program at Bowling Green State University and has performed with such jazz greats as Dizzy Gillespie, Marian McPartland, Lee Konitz and Arturo Sandoval (who performs

Nov. 14 at the Wharton Center).

» **LSO Jazz Band,**
7 p.m. Sunday at Wharton Center Pasant Theatre. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 students, www.lansingsymphony.org, (517) 487-5001.

Act II: LSO gets jazzy
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