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## CRITIC'S CHOICE

### Music

**"Die Soldaten"** — Opening event of the Opera Company of Boston's 24th season is in the company's great tradition of doing the things other institutions are too timid to try. In this instance Sarah Caldwell takes on the challenge of Bernd Alois Zimmermann's "Die Soldaten," a major contemporary work in its American premiere. The performances, which are attracting critics from all over the country, are tonight at 8 and Sunday at 3.

**Ax-Ma** -- Two-thirds of one of last year's most thrilling concerts, pianist Emanuel Ax and cellist Yo Yo Ma, return in joint recital Sun-

day night at 8. These are two of the greatest musicians in the world; advance interest has been so substantial that the BU Celebrity Series has moved the concert from Jordan Hall to Symphony Hall.

**Leonard Rose-Andrew Wolf** — Another great cellist, and Yo Yo Ma's teacher, teams up with another wonderful pianist, Andrew Wolf, for a recital to benefit the All-Newton Music School tonight at 8 in 2d Church, West Newton.

**Alea III** — Theodore Antoniou's adventurous new-music group presents music by Brant, Martino, and the world premiere of a work by Robert Sirota. There will also be a staged performance of Hindemith's opera "Hin und Zurueck." Tonight at 8 in 1st & 2d Church.

— RICHARD DYER