

# Oscar's odd couple: Martin, Baldwin

By Michael Cieply

LOS ANGELES — The coming Oscar show will have a pair of hosts who are not so much matched as deliberately mismatched: Steve Martin, the versatile comic, and Alec Baldwin, a straight man who sometimes reaches for a laugh.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced the pairing late Tuesday, just days after the rival Golden Globes named the comedian Ricky Gervais as its host. Both shows appear poised to give the movie awards a dose of sharp-edged humor.

"We're expecting a spirit du combat," Bill Mechanic, a producer of the Oscar show, said of the Martin-Baldwin matchup. Martin presented the Oscar



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Steve Martin (left) and Alec Baldwin. will co-host the Oscar.

broadcasts in 2001 and 2003, and received an Emmy nomination for the first of those appearances. Baldwin, a film and television actor, has never hosted the show, but he received an Oscar nomination as best supporting

actor in 2004 for his role in *The Cooler*.

The pairing of Baldwin and Martin comes with a self-referential twist: The two are cast as rivals for the affection of a character played by Meryl Streep in

a romantic comedy, *It's Complicated*, which is directed by Nancy Meyers and is set for release by Universal Pictures on Christmas Day.

The Oscar broadcast, scheduled for March 7 on ABC, is being co-produced by Mechanic, a film producer, and Adam Shankman, a director and choreographer.

"Adam and I liked the idea of contrasting personalities," Mechanic said in a phone interview. He said the aim was to make the show "funny, and somewhat fresh."

In that spirit, Tuesday's announcement quoted Martin as saying: "I am happy to co-host the Oscars with my enemy Alec Baldwin."

New York Times News Service

# Sheet music is costly

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Any of the scores that Vacca would not consider useful by the orchestra will be offered to the musicians and from there pieces will be filtered out to conductors outside the organization. Sheet music, said Vacca, is a considerable cost for orchestras which is why so many prefer to loan or borrow rather than purchasing whole scores which can easily run into thousands of dollars. It's all about supporting each other to make music, a philosophy that has been at the core of Hurwitz's musical career.

In 1991, he founded the Symphonic Workshops an organization devoted to providing opportunities for new conductors to train with a full orchestra in Eastern and Central European countries, an opportunity that is nearly impossible in North America due to cost.

"We did that for 10 years then the conditions in these countries improved and the costs went up," said Hurwitz. Over the course of the decade he estimated more than 1,000 young conductors had the opportunity to work directly with an orchestra of up to 80 musicians. Now, in retirement from teaching and music his legacy will continue with the Cambridge Community Orchestra.

"It's important people in the community have access to it," Hurwitz said. "Maybe it will encourage other people to contribute."

Cambridge Community Orchestra opens its season with Russian Romance from the ballet and concerto repertoire. Pieces include Aram Khatchaturian's *Adagio from Spartacus*, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake Suite* and Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto #2*.

Guest soloist is pianist Alexei Gulenco who will provide a pre-concert chat at 7:45 p.m. Gulenco has an international reputation having performed around the world and won awards from several prestigious piano competitions, including the International Rachmaninov Piano Competition in Moscow, the International Jose Iturbi Competition in Spain, the International Franz Liszt Competition in Italy and the Louisiana International Competition.

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## Concert

### Russian Romance

Cambridge Community Orchestra Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m. Forward Baptist Church, 455 Myers Rd., Cambridge free but donations welcomed.

# Pressure to pull Gossip Girl episode

By Frazier Moore

NEW YORK — On-air promos for a sexual threesome on an upcoming episode of *Gossip Girl* have spurred the Parents Television Council to ask affiliates of the CW network to pre-empt the show.

Airing the teen tryst, which is being teased in an ad as a "3SOME," is "reckless and irresponsible," said PTC president Tim Winter in a statement Wednesday. The threesome involves three main characters

in the show but they are not identified in the promos.

The council has urged CW affiliate stations not to air the episode, scheduled for Nov. 9.

In a letter to the affiliates, Winter asked: "Will you now be complicit in establishing a precedent and expectation that teenagers should engage in behaviours heretofore associated primarily with adult films?"

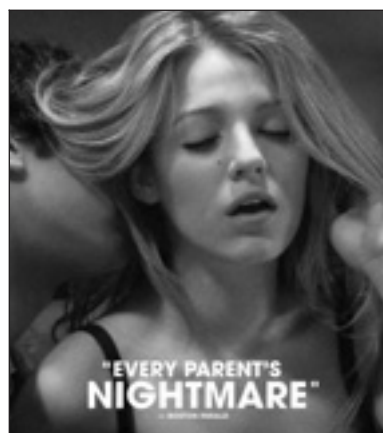
This is not the first time the PTC has complained about the sexy soap, which Winter said is "expressly targeted to impres-

sionable teenagers."

In July 2008, the organization spoke out against a racy marketing campaign for its new season. Ads showed intimate moments between the show's characters.

"CW has been defending graphic content on *Gossip Girl* by asserting that they don't target teenagers," Winters said Wednesday. "Such a claim doesn't even pass the 'laugh test.'"

The Associated Press



Gossip Girl's controversial print advertisement for the second season of the show.

## IN BRIEF

### KITCHENER

#### Kicking Trudy launch CD at Molly Blooms

If you have no interest in Bob Dylan, you can catch popular Kitchener roots rockers Kicking Trudy at their CD launch party Saturday at Molly Blooms in Kitchener. *Silver* is the third release from the band, featuring the gravelly voiced Adrian Bradbury on lead vocals and guitar, Shane Rose on drums and Dan Tapper on bass. The band has attracted a strong local fan base after performing for a more than decade. Local roots fave and ex-Skydigger Paul MacLeod made a guest appearance on *Silver*, a strong and spirited 10-song collection of originals with a cover of Steve Earle's *Even When I'm Blue*.

### WATERLOO

#### Madawaska Quartet performs in Waterloo

The Madawaska Quartet is coming to the Music Room in Waterloo, Sunday (Nov. 8).

Pianist Leslie Kinton will join the foursome for a concert featuring the music of Dvorak and Shostakovich. The Music Room is at 57 Young St. W. Tickets: \$25 general admission, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students. Call 519-988-1673 or e-mail kwcms@yahoo.ca

### KITCHENER

#### Camera focused on disadvantaged kids

Not exactly an upbeat topic, but one that should reach deep into the heart: *The Hope Moment* photography exhibit, which focuses on the living conditions of children in developing corners of the world, is coming to The Children's Museum, for one night only, Nov. 9 (Monday). The show features the work of World Vision photographer Alyssa Bistonath, whose young subjects — their lives constantly pulled between hope and despair — were caught in candid moments in Africa, Central America and South America. The

one-night show runs 6-9 p.m. at the museum (King Street, Kitchener; between Ontario and Queen streets). Admission is free.

### ELORA

#### Festival announces 2010 art competition

Organizers of the Elora Festival are calling on artists to submit work for its 2010 art competition. Cash awards range from \$500-\$1,500, but the bigger prize is exposure: The festival uses the work of the winning artist in its marketing program for the upcoming musical season, which runs July 9-Aug. 1 next year. Submissions must be 14 inches by 24 inches vertical, and can be in photographic, painted or two-dimensional media. The deadline is Jan. 15 and the prize-winners will be announced April 14. Visit [www.elorafestival.com/ART.shtml](http://www.elorafestival.com/ART.shtml) for entry forms.

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## Talking today

### David Letterman:

Bill Maher, Gabourey (Gabby) Sidibe, Keith Urban

### Jay Leno:

Wanda Sykes, Rachael Ray, Dan Finnerty & the Dan Band

### Conan O'Brien:

Jim Carrey, Olivia Wilde, Zac Brown Band

### Craig Ferguson:

Denis Leary, Jena Malone

### Jimmy Fallon:

Ian McKellan, Paula Patton, Yoko Ono, Sean Lennon

### Carson Daly:

Newt Gingrich, Ashley Fiolek, Matisyahu

### Jon Stewart:

Amb. Susan Rice

### The Colbert Report:

Joey Cheek, Chief William Bratton

### Jimmy Kimmel:

Jesse Williams, Florence and the Machine

### The View:

Sir Ian McKellan, the latest castoffs from *Dancing With the Stars*

### Regis and Kelly:

Carrie Underwood, Bernadette Peters

### Ellen DeGeneres:

Amy Poehler, Fran Drescher

### The Hour with George Stroumboulopoulos:

Eugene Levy, William Elliott

### TV tonight

• Two characters from the series *Supernatural* have a cameo on *Grey's Anatomy* tonight. Sam and Dean Winchester, played by Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles, respectively, guest star as medical staff at Seattle Grace, which gets a generous donation in this episode. Elsewhere, Alex tries to figure out how to pay for all of Izzie's hospital bills left over after her cancer treatment. (CTV, 9 p.m.)

• The 2009 MTV Europe Music Awards air from Germany, where they were first held 20 years ago when the Berlin Wall fell, and network officials say this year's instalment offers "unpredictability and sheer mayhem." Pop star Katy Perry hosts as acts including Jay-Z, Robbie Williams, Green Day, Foo Fighters, Shakira, Leona Lewis and Tokio Hotel perform. Lady Gaga and Kings of Leon lead the nominations with five each. (MuchMusic, 7 p.m.)

Record news services

## THURSDAY EVENING

Station	1	2	3	4	6 PM	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
(2)	11	15	28	18	News	NBC News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Community	Parks/Rec	The Office	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show	News		1:35	Tonight	
(3)	21	23	52	5	News		TMZ	Access H.	FlashForward		Fringe		Private Practice	News		1:35	Tonight	
(4)	17	17	27	10	News	News	Inside Ed.	Access H.	Survivor: Samoa		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist	News			Letterman	
(5)	5	6*	10	6	5:00	News	CorrieStreet	Wheel Fort.	Jeopardy	Berlin Twenty Years	The Border		CBC News: The National			5:55	CBC News /The Hour	
(6)	3	3	3	3	News		E.T. Canada	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Samoa		The Office	Office (R)	90210	News				
(7)	6	9	29	22	News	ABC News	Wheel Fort.	Jeopardy	FlashForward		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice	News			Nightline	
(9)	106	13		8	News		The Vampire Diaries		CSI: Crime Scene		Grey's Anatomy		The Mentalist	News			CTV News	
(10)	9	95	5		News		TMZ	Access H.	FlashForward		Fringe		Private Practice	News			1:35	Tonight
(11)	10	12	11	11	News		** Cats and Dogs ('01)	Jeff Goldblum.			** Risky Business ('83)	Tom Cruise.		News				
(13)	12	40	13	13	News		The Vampire Diaries		CSI: Crime Scene		Grey's Anatomy		The Mentalist	News			CTV News	
(17)	61	35	30	61	Worldfocus	NewsHour	Jim Lehrer	My Hero (R)	Doc Martin		Monarchy With David (R)		MI-5 (R)				Business	Nova 1/2 (R)
(29)	28	34	31	21	Seinfeld (R)	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	MLB Baseball	Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees	World Series			Half Men (R)	Simpson (R)			70s (R)	
(36)	23	36		14	Michael Coren Show (R)		Little House Prairie (R)		Dr. Quinn Med. W. 1/2 (R)		100 Huntley Street (R)		Robison (R)	B.Hinn (R)	Hagee (R)		Plumline (R)	
(47)	4	4	4	7	4	4	4	7	4	4	4	7	4	4	4	7	4	4
(57)	7	7	33	7	News		Law & Order: S.V.U. (R)		Community	Parks/Rec	30 Rock	30 Rock	The Jay Leno Show	News			CityNews	
(61)	8		4	12	Le Téléjournal/ Ontario		Virginie	Infoman	Enquête		3600 secondes d'extase		Le Téléjournal	La zone			Téléjournal	
(A&E)	31	29	16	30	The First 48 (R)		Criminal Minds (R)		The First 48 (R)		The First 48 (R)		The First 48 (R)				Crime 360 (R)	
(AMC)	55			57	15:30	** Batman Forever ('95)	Val Kilmer.		** Any Given Sunday ('99)	Al Pacino.							Movie	
(APTN)	70	38	57	70	APTN National News		Wapos Bay	The Rapids	The Bolts	Moose TV	** Clear and Present Danger ('94)	Harrison Ford.	Fish Out (R)	APTN News				
(BNN)	57	93		37	News	Headline	Market Call	Tonight	Connected	Market Call	Squeeze Play		News	Comm			Market Call	
(BRAVO)	40	56		39	Wind at My Back (R)		Storytellers	Xplorers	** Snow Cake ('06)	Sigourney Weaver.			Xplorers (R)	Law & Order (R)				
(CMT)	38	55	9	40	Wilson's (R)	Wilson's (R)	Funnies Home Videos		Reba (R)	Reba (R)	Acc.Jim (R)	Acc.Jim (R)	Home I. (R)	Home I. (R)			Unstable	
(CNN)	33	28	15	31	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360					
(COM)	46	45	37	50	Just for Laughs (R)		Air Farce (R)	22 Mins. (R)	CornerG (R)	Earl (R)	Simpson (R)	SouthPk (R)	Hot Box (R)	Jon Dore (R)	Daily Show	Colbert		
(DISC)	42	57	19	38	H.Made (R)	H.Made (R)	Daily Planet		Race to Mars 1/2 (R)		Race to Mars Pt. 2 of 2 (R)		MythBusters (R)	Daily Planet	1/2 (R)			
(FAM)	51	46	38	48	Montana (R)	Wizards (R)	Sonny (R)	Suite Life (R)	Overruled!	Montana (R)	Wizards (R)	Buzz (R)	Ned (R)	Cory (R)	So Raven (R)	Derek (R)		
(FOOD)	56	90	50	52	French (R)	Chef (R)	Ricardo (R)	Road Grill (R)	Restaurant Makeover (R)		Big Chef Little Chef (R)		AceCake (R)	AceCake (R)	The Family	Family (R)		
(HGTV)	43	43	34	42	Ext. Makeover: Home (R)		House Hunt.	Property (R)	Holmes Inspection (R)		Family Reno	Disaster (R)	HouseH (R)	House	Holmes Inspection (R)			
(HIST)	45	41	39	54	Underworld Histories (R)		Ice Road Truckers (R)		Ancient Discoveries (R)		Underworld Histories (R)		Life After People	When Disaster Strikes (R)				
(KWTV)	20				News.	News.	OHL Hockey Kitchener vs Peterborough		Fitness	Structures	News.	Kitchen (R)	Daytime					
(MMM)	29	22	35	28	America's Dance Crew (R)		2009 MTV Europe Music Awards		So You Think You Can Dance Canada (R)		Wild N' Out	Wild N' Out	Freddie Mercury	The Daily Fix				
(MMN)	56			51	68	mmmtop10.ca		The Daily Fix		Ranked!	Wild N' Out	Wild N' Out	Freddie Mercury	The Daily Fix				
(MTV)	32			56	MTV Live	SexNews	The City (R)	The City	Disaster	The Ruins	"Wes Side Story" (R)		Gone Too Far "Amy" (R)	MTV Live	SexNews			
(NW)	26	19	25	23	15:00	Power & Politics		Connect With Mark Kelley					CBC News: The National	The Nature of Things	News			
(OLN)	48	48	32	53	Mantracker (R)		Ghost Hunters (R)		Bounty (R)	Bounty	Survivor	Survivor	Ghost Hunters (R)	Bounty	Bounty			
(OMNI2)	14	18			Law & Order: C.I. (R)		FamilyG (R)	Office (R)	South Asian News		Cantonese News		Half Men (R)	Queens (R)	So far from Home (R)			
(PCH)	47	51	40	49	Office (R)	Earl (R)	FamilyG (R)	FamilyG (R)	Payne (R)	Payne (R)	Law & Order: S.V.U. (R)		** Planes, Trains and Automobiles ('87)					
(RDI)	102	61		10	RDI monde	Economie	24 heures en 60 minutes		Grands Reportages		Le Téléjournal		Economie	Le National	Le Téléjournal			
(RSD)	22	44	42	36	15:15	HockeyC.	Connected	Pregame (R)	MLB Baseball	Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees	World Series Game 7 Site: Yankee Stadium		Connected					
(SCORE)	53	70	48	41	Score	Experts	Score	NCAA Football	Virginia Tech vs. East Carolina	Live			4:45	NBA Basketb.	San Antonio vs Utah			
(SHOW)	39	59	20	44	Trailer (R)	Trailer (R)	The Outer Limits (R)		Da Vinci's City Hall (R)		The Best Years (R)		Saving Grace				NCIS	
(SLICE)	41	58	36	43	Skin Deep	Skin Deep	Rich Bride, Poor Bride (R)		X-Weighted (R)		X-Weighted (R)		X-Weighted (R)	E.T. Canada	Happened			
(SPC)	44	47	45	55	Stargate: SG-1 (R)		Stargate Atlantis (R)		Star Trek: Voyager (R)		Primeval (R)		Eureka "Ship Happens"	Star Trek (R)				
(SPD)	54	54	44	46	Unique Whips (R)		Pass Time	Race Hub	Pinks! All Out		Jacked (R)	Jacked (R)	Wrecked	Wrecked (R)	Pass Time	Pass Time		
(SPIKE)	32	30	14	34	CSI: Crime Scene (R)		UFC Unleashed (R)		The Ultimate Fighter		TNA Wrestling						Deadliest	