

Best Friends



The four trumpet players of the Honningsvåg Philharmonic in northernmost Norway were initially stymied when they discovered that the orchestra's practical joking timpanist had hocked their instruments. But then Oodmar, the oft dipsomaniacal second chair, fashioned a solution out of four of her "best friends," as she called them. Hence, the brass players were able to accord themselves very well indeed in *Ein Heldenleben's* clamorous fanfare on the Saturday afternoon concert.