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THE WEEK AHEAD

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*New York Times critics and reporters
preview the week's cultural happenings.*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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Of the people, by the people, for the people: every year, the Bang on a Can People's Commissioning Fund collects donations, some as small as \$5, to commission new works from eclectic composers for an event that usually has the electricity of a rock concert. This year's composers are **LUKAS LIGETI** (son of the late, great György), **JOSHUA PENMAN** and **STEFAN WEISMAN**, but the main event may be the appearance of **MEREDITH MONK** as a special guest; five of her works will also be performed. *Thursday at 8 p.m., Merkin Concert Hall, 129 West 67th Street, Manhattan, (212) 501-3330; \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.*