Compositions by Fredrick Nelson and Donald Schnaidt to be featured at Centennial Concerts

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Two northwest Montana composers will be represented on the Centennial concerts scheduled at Montana State University Sunday, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts said. The concerts will be at 3 p.m. in the University Theater and 8:15 p.m. in the Recital Hall and will be open to the public without charge.

"Suite for Band" by Fredrick Nelson, Libby High School band director, will be played at the afternoon concert. "The Watcher" and "Portrait" by Donald Schnaidt, Kalispell businessman, will be sung at the evening concert.

Nelson attended schools in his native Kalispell and in Polson and Anaconda and earned bachelor and master of music degrees at MSU. After graduation he served as a 1st lieutenant in the 1st Cavalry Division in the Far East. He taught at Polson for three years before joining the faculty of Libby High School, where he is now chairman of the Music Department as well as band director.

Schnaidt studied at Dakota Wesleyan with Alva Beecher and Thomas Williams and at South Dakota University, the University of Minnesota and the Oberlin Conservatory. He also studied in New York City with Mina Hager and Ludwig Fabri. He has sung leading roles in professional musical productions throughout the country and was a member of the first opera company to perform on television. An actor as well as a composer, a conductor and a singer, Schnaidt is now actor-director of the Kalispell Civic Theater.

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