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Final band concert of season is Sunday

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The University of Montana Band will present its final formal concert of the season Sunday (May 14) at 8:15 p.m. in the University Theater. The concert marks the final appearance of Dr. David Whitwell as conductor of University bands. Roy Lyman, conductor of the Missoula Grade School Band, will appear as guest conductor.

Dr. Whitwell says the program will feature two outstanding 19th century compositions for winds, the Dvorak Serenade and the Symphony for Band by Hector Berlioz.

The Berlioz symphony is the earliest major work for the band medium, but it has rarely been performed because its instrumentation calls for a number of now obsolete wind instruments. The band will play a modern version prepared by graduate student Donald Cooper as part of his doctor of education degree requirements. The band will be assisted in the performance by the University Choir, Dr. Joseph Mussulman, conductor.

Another program highlight is the Symphony by Morton Gould, termed by Dr. Whitwell "one of the finest modern symphonies for band." Gould, who conducted the University Band on campus May 3, said that, in spite of its light character, he considers the symphony one of his serious efforts as a composer.

The concert is open to the public without charge, according to Laurence Perry, acting chairman of the Music Department.