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Arts campers stage grand finale Friday

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Top teen-age performers in art, music and ballet will be on public review at the University of Montana Friday (Aug. 4) at the grand finale of the two-week Montana High School Fine Arts Camp.

The camp ballet and chorus divisions will present a program in the University Theater at 7:30 p.m. The concert band, the symphonic band and the orchestra will perform at 8:30 p.m. in the Cascade room of the UM Lodge. Work by camp art majors will be exhibited in the University Theater lobby from 2 to 5 and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

George D. Lewis, camp director, said one $5 admission fee will admit patrons to all Friday programs. Proceeds will be donated to the Fine Arts Camp scholarship fund.

The chorus concert opens with Dietrich Buxetude's "Jesu, Joy and Treasure," with accompaniment by Zaven Melikian and Gordon Childs, violinists, and Florence Reynolds, cellist. Tom Iverson, Shelby, is tenor soloist for the final choral number, "Ain't Got Time to Die," by Hall Johnson.

The 80-voice chorus is directed by Kenyard E. Smith, choral director at Wisconsin State College, Stevens Point. Mary Lynn Gammel is assistant director, and Terri Wahl is piano accompanist.

Twenty dancers will take part in the ballet program, directed by Dana Bunnell. Anita Demiano, Osburn, Idaho, will dance a pointe variation from "Don Quixote" by Minkus. Fourteen dancers will perform a pointe de bras to a waltz by Mikeshina, and five will dance an adagio to Schubert's "Impromptu in A Flat."

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The 60-piece concert band will play works by Donald I. Moore, Paul W. Whear, Eric Osterling and John Cacavas. The band is directed by Ralph Hartse, band director at Custer County High School, Miles City. Charles Johnson is band assistant.

The 60-piece orchestra will perform compositions by Shostakovich, Handel and Moussorgsky. The organization is directed by Childs, who is an associate professor of music at Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo. Orchestra assistants are Harold Herbig, Miss Reynolds and Melikian.

Dr. David Whitwell, former director of University bands, will conduct the 50-member symphonic band in works by Vaclav Nelhybel and William Schuman. Ralph Downey is band assistant.

The art exhibit consists of work in various media by students in the camp art division, directed by Maxine Blackmer. John Murphy and Stephen McGuiness are art assistants.

The camp chamber music, piano and drama divisions gave public performances earlier this week.