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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

GOVERNOR'S ARTS
CONFERENCE OPENS

National, state and municipal leaders in business and government will explore the role of the arts in American society at the second Montana Governor's Conference on the Arts, which opens Wednesday afternoon (Jan. 15) in Helena.

The two-day conference is coordinated by the Montana Arts Council. Dr. Charles W. Bolen, chairman of the council and dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts, will preside.

Roger L. Stevens, Washington, D. C., chairman of the National Arts Council, will be the speaker at a no-host banquet Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Jorgenson's Holiday Inn. His topic will be "The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts." He is chairman of the center's board of trustees.

Tickets for the banquet will be available at the registration desk in the Civic Center lobby Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. Other conference events are free to the public. Registration will be open from 2 to 4 p.m.

Stevens will talk Thursday morning on "Government and the Arts." Before entering government service, the speaker was a real estate broker and a producing partner in over 100 Broadway shows, including "West Side Story," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Bus Stop," "Tea and Sympathy" and "Mary, Mary."

The Thursday program will get under way in the House Chamber of the Capitol at 9:30 a.m. with welcomes by Gov. Forrest H. Anderson, Lt. Gov. Thomas L. Judge and Speaker of the House James P. Lucas.

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Government officials participating in a panel discussion following Stevens' address Thursday are Steve Wexler, Washington, D. C., counsel to Sen. Claiborne Pell; Montana Sens. William H. Bertsche, D-Great Falls, and James M. Haughey, R-Billings; Reps. Lucas, R-Miles City, and Ray J. Wayrynen, D-Butte, and Mayor Willard E. Fraser of Billings.

The Thursday session at the Holiday Inn features a talk on "Business and the Arts" by G. A. McLellan, Chappaqua, N. Y., president of the Business Committee for the Arts, Inc. Panelists are Robert C. Hendon, Larchmont, N. Y., vice president, Consolidated Freightways, Inc.; George M. Irwin, Quincy, Ill., businessman and chairman of the Illinois Arts Council; E. E. MacGilvra, Butte, trustee of the Montana Historical Society; Joseph S. Sample, Billings, president, Garryowen Broadcasting System, and Larry Smith, Missoula, president of the Montana Chamber of Commerce.

Four concurrent seminars on "The Future of the Arts in Montana" are scheduled Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Civic Center. Each will be led by a Montana Arts Council member. Presiding will be Lyndon Pomeroy, Billings, visual arts; Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., Missoula, drama; Blanche Judge, Helena, dance, and Robert Q. Crebo, Helena, music.

The first Montana Governor's Conference on the Arts was conducted in Butte in 1966 by the inter-Montana Arts Council that was created by executive order of the governor in 1965. The legislature established the present council as a state agency in 1967.