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Some 2,500 Montana high school students, music directors, and chaperones will converge on Missoula Friday, ^{May 6,} for the 19th State Music Festival at Montana State University, Dean Luther A. Richman announced.

The two-day meet is conducted under the auspices of the Montana High School Association, headed by Rex Dalley of Helena. Joseph Mussulman of the MSU music faculty is general chairman of the festival.

A highlight of the program will be a joint concert Saturday at 8 p. m. in the Field House by the 1,100 students in the All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus, Dean Richman said. The band will be conducted by James Eversole, director of bands at MSU; the orchestra, by Eugene Andrie, conductor of the MSU Symphonette, and the chorus, by Mussulman, director of University choral organizations.

About 1,500 students will perform in over 400 solo and ensemble events to earn ratings by adjudicators from three states, according to the dean. Adjudicators include Walter Welke, University of Washington; Glen Lockery, University of Idaho; Jay Slaughter, Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, and MSU faculty members George Hummel, William Richards, Rudolph Wendt, Gerald Doty, William Manning, Florence Reynolds, Jane Hevener, and John Lester.

Besides hours of intensive work, the schedule for the visiting students includes attendance at a dress rehearsal of the all-school show, "Oklahoma," Friday and at a dance after the All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus concert Saturday. High school musicians who arrive on campus Thursday evening will be guests of the University at a concert by the combined choral groups of MSU.

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