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Montana State University is one of four schools in the nation authorized by the National Association of Teachers of Singing to conduct a NATS voice workshop this summer, MSU officials announced.

A high powered battery of voice specialists, contributing their services to the University without fee, will join members of the MSU faculty in staffing the NATS Northwest Regional Workshop, which is scheduled for July 31 through August 5.

John L. Lester, professor of music at MSU, is director and George Lewis of MSU, codirector, of the workshop, which will feature classroom work, demonstrations and recitals. Prof. Lester was regional governor of NATS for several years and is now on the national board of directors.

National figures participating are William Vennard, head of the University of Southern California Voice Department and vice president of NATS; Dale Gilliland, professor of voice at Ohio State University and past president of NATS; George Newton, voice teacher from Indianapolis, Ind., and Melvin Geist, dean of the Willamette University School of Music and regional governor of NATS.

MSU faculty members on the workshop staff, in addition to Lester and Lewis, are Dr. Charles D. Parker, director of the MSU Speech and Hearing Clinic; Dr. Lloyd C. Oakland, head of music education; Joseph A. Mussulman, director of choral organizations; Dr. Anna Y. Martin, clinical psychologist; Lou Sirois, lecturer in speech, and Dr. Clyde E. Noble, psychologist.

Prof. Lester said that the four regional workshops for voice teachers, choral directors and advanced students are directed at developing better voice work in the nation.

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