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### **AWARD-WINNING SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE SET TO VISIT MISSOULA**

#### **MISSOULA -**

A saxophone quartet from Chicago's Northwestern University will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, in The University of Montana's Music Recital Hall. But first the group will work with area high school and university students.

The Amethyst Saxophone Quartet plans to mentor Hellgate High School students Thursday, Sept. 4, and will be in residency with the UM Department of Music on Friday. The evening concert will feature the Montana premiere of Missoula composer David Maslanka's 2006 composition, "Recitation Book." The award-winning ensemble also will play works by Gyorgy Legeti, Igor Stravinsky and Henri Pousseur. Missoula-area saxophonists Brooke Ferris Florence and Chuck Florence will join the quartet.

Tickets, available at the door, cost \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The Amethyst Quartet comprises Northwestern saxophone graduates, including 2003 Hellgate High School graduate Zachary Pfau. Members of the ensemble recently took top honors at three of the most prestigious and competitive music competitions in the U.S., including the Gold Medal at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition.

The ensemble's visit to Missoula is sponsored by the Montana Arts Council, the



National Endowment for the Arts, the UM Department of Music and Missoula County Public Schools.

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