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ACTOR WILLIAM SHUST TO BE GUEST ARTIST AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA APRIL 29-MAY 6

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Robert Kiley, dean of the School of Fine Arts, recently announced that William Shust, professional actor, will visit the Missoula campus April 29 through May 6 as a guest artist in the UM Department of Drama.

Shust has performed in over 150 plays, a third of them by Shakespeare, portraying a wide variety of roles from Hamlet to Luther Billis in "South Pacific." In regional theaters all over America and Canada he has appeared as: Cyrano de Bergerac, Richard III, Milt in "Luv," Henry II in "Becket" and lago in "Othello." On Broadway he performed in the recent revival of "The Country Girl" starring Jason Robards, Maureen Stapleton, and George Grizzard.

Previous Broadway performances were in "The Owl and the Pussycat" and the David Merrick production of Brecht's "Arturo Ui," staged by Tony Richardson. Off-Broadway he has appeared with the Phoenix Theatre, New York Shakespeare Festival and the Roundabout Theatre. He has toured in such contemporary comedy hits as: "Cactus Flower" with Eve Arden and "Nobody Loves An Albatross" with Dane Clark.

He created the leading role in the American premiere of "The Egg" by Felicien

Marceau at the Washington, D. C. Arena Stage. "The Egg" was chosen for the book, "Best

Plays of 1961 - 62" by its editor, Henry Hewes, because of "William Shust's Washington

performance."

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Shust has appeared in dramatic programs on all of the major television networks.

Last spring he portrayed Melvin Purvis, the FBI Agent who killed John Dillinger, in the CBS-TV Network dramatic documentary, "The Last Days of Dillinger." He is featured in the new films: "Rivals" and "The Seven Ups," which Missoula audiences recently viewed.

While he is at UM, Shust will teach acting classes, introduction to theater, and beginning and advanced workshop programs. Classes, lectures and demonstrations will be open to the public and all university students.

Schedules of Shust's activities while he is at UM may be obtained without charge beginning Monday in the Department of Drama Office, room 201, Fine Arts Building.

Additional information may be obtained by phoning the office, 243-4481.