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CONCERT PIANIST BARBARA BLEGEN IN RECITAL WEDNESDAY AT UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA--

Concert pianist Barbara Blegen will present works by six well known composers in a recital at 8 p.m. Wednesday (June 19) in the University of Montana Music Recital Hall. Works on Wednesday's program include "Sonata K 576" by Mozart; "Songs Without Words op. 67" by Mendelssohn; "Sonata op. 54" by Beethoven; "Preludes op. 23" by Rachmaninoff; "Gaspard de la Nuit" by Ravel, and "The Blue Danube Waltz" by J. Strauss (arrangement by Schulz-Evler).

Tickets for the recital may be purchased at the UM Department of Music office in the Music Building, and at the David Hunt Record Store downtown. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for elementary and high school students.

Miss Blegen's last appearances in Missoula were in June and August of 1972, when she played to capacity audiences. She is a native of the Garden City, where she gave her first recital at age II. During her sophomore year at Missoula County High School, Miss Blegen received a scholarship to Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, where she studied for six years with Rudolph Serkin.

Since her graduation from the Curtis Institute, she has concertized throughout the U.S. and Europe, and has performed at the Casals Festival in Puerto Rico, the Festival of Two Worlds at Spoleto, Italy, and the Marlboro, Vt., Festival directed by Serkin. She has performed with the Baltimore Symphony, Arthur Fiedler, and the New York Philharmonic, recording with the latter orchestra on the Columbia label. Miss Blegen frequently They played accompanies her sister Judith, leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company./most recently at Lincoln Center where they performed rarely-heard songs for voice and piano by Stravinsky.

Miss Blegen recently signed a three-year contract with Columbia Artists and will concertize extensively under that management.