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Pianist Roger Williams will present "An Evening for You" Oct. 17 at 8:15 p.m. as part of homecoming activities at Montana State University.

Williams's concert at the MSU Field House is being sponsored by the Associated Students of MSU.

The popular pianist began his musical study early and was able to play 13 instruments when he was eight years old. He was organist for his church when he was twelve years old.

Williams has always considered himself a classical pianist and studied for a career on the concert stage. He received his master's degree in music from Drake University and studied under Philip Tonitz in Los Angeles and at the Juilliard School of Music in New York.

At Juilliard he met jazz pianist Teddy Wilson, who interested Williams in jazz and popular music. Williams since has achieved fame in all styles of music. He has appeared on television, in concert and in night clubs throughout the country.

His version of "Autumn Leaves," which he will play in the homecoming concert, was on the top of the best seller list for several months.

Among other pieces Williams will play are "Dark Eyes," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Dominique," "Fascination," and Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 5."

With Williams will be an ensemble made up of Rodger Nichols, bass; William Schneider, percussion; John Conner, marimba, and Donald Roberts, guitar.

Williams records for Kapp records. His most recent album releases are "For You" and "Academy Award Winners."

Tickets for the homecoming concert are available at the MSU Field House ticket office.

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