2 'DanceMontana' performances set for Wednesday at University

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Members of "danceMontana," the state's first professional dance company, will present two free public performances Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The performances, scheduled for 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday behind the UM Art Annex, will be given by the seven-member dance group especially for new UM freshmen and transfer students participating in the fall quarter orientation-registration week activities through Friday.

Featured in the performances will be a work entitled "Spindrift/Inland," choreographed by Juliette Crump, head of the UM Dance Division within the Department of Drama. She created the work under a University research grant.

"Spindrift/Inland is a creative work in dance involving the collaboration of a theater designer, a composer and a choreographer. The culmination of the collaborative work will be the performance of an event by several musicians and "danceMontana" members relating outdoor sprinkler patterns, dance and music.

Original members of "danceMontana" who are continuing to perform with the group include Kata Langworthy, managing director of the organization, who is from the midwest; Connie Bess Snyder, Billings; Ray Spooner, Conrad, and Catherine Paine, who is from the Washington, D.C., area. No longer with the group are Peter Aune, who moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, and Nancy Jean Brooks, a native of New Jersey who has left the company due to a full-time commitment to UM as an assistant professor of drama.

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New members of "danceMontana" include Robert G. Remley, San Francisco, Calif., who recently received his master of arts degree in dance from Ohio State University, Columbus; Janet Lott, Valencia, Calif., where she received her master of fine arts degree in dance at the Californi: Institute of the Arts, and Bess Pilcher, Salt Lake City, who was awarded her bachelor of fine arts degree at the University of Utah.

"DanceMontana," supported in part by a grant from the Montana Arts Council, an agency of state government, was established at UM in October 1974 as an outgrowth of the company members' participation in classes and performances with the Montana Dance Company at UM. The six original members of "danceMontana" established the organization to serve all communities in the state.

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