200 students high school fine arts camp

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A total of 200 high school students are studying music, art, drama and dance on the University of Montana campus during the Montana High School Fine Arts Camp, which began Aug. 1 and will continue through Aug. 13.

Most of the participants are from Montana high schools, according to Donald A. Carey, camp director and assistant professor of music at UM. He added, however, that there are students attending the camp who have come from as far away as Florida, California and Oregon. Out-of-state students from Canada, Idaho and Washington also are participating.

Students attending the camp have the opportunity to "major" in art, music, drama or dance during their two-week stay at the University. They also have the opportunity to study music privately with guest artists, as well as attend classes in music literature, music theory, theater workshop and piano workshop.

Carey said there is a total of 65 students participating in the camp choir, under the direction of Dr. Joseph Mussulman, an associate professor of music at UM. The camp band, under the direction of Oscar Stover from Northwest Oklahoma State University, has 65 members, and the orchestra, directed by Zaben Melikian, assistant concert master of the San Francisco Symphony, has 60 members. The stage band, directed by Lance Boyd, a UM music instructor, has 20 members.

About 30 students are involved in the art program, directed by Leila Autio, Missoula. The drama program, under the direction of Alan Cook, a UM associate professor of drama, has 14 participants and the dance program has 12 students under the direction of Gay Blize, a UM instructor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.
Several programs will be offered by camp participants for the general public. They include the stunt night program Friday (Aug. 6) at 8:15 p.m. in the UM Music Recital Hall; the chamber music concert Wednesday (Aug. 11) at 8:15 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall; "The Enchanted," a play by Jean Giradoux, Wednesday and Thursday (Aug. 11 and 12) at 8:15 p.m. in the Masquer Theater; and the final camp concert Friday (Aug. 13) at 7:30 p.m. in the University Theater.