Bastiens to teach piano workshop July 17 at University of Montana

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A couple from Louisiana will present a four-hour workshop dealing with piano as an approach to the art of music for Missoula area piano teachers Tuesday (July 17) at the University of Montana, Missoula. Workshop title is "Music Through the Piano."

There will be no charge for attending the workshop.

During the program, which will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday in room 105 of the UM Music Building, James W. Bastien and his wife, Jane Smisor Bastien, will demonstrate tested teaching techniques involving children and adults.

Workshop emphasis will be on the preschool beginner, adult beginner, the transfer student, class piano organization, multi-key pedagogy at all levels, supplementary piano literature at beginning and intermediate levels, and piano ensemble literature and technique.

The workshop is sponsored by the Sampson Ayers Music Co. of Spokane, Wash.

A noted teacher, composer, pianist and lecturer, Bastien is an associate professor of music at Loyola University, New Orleans, La., where he teaches advanced university students and those minoring in piano. For the past four years Bastien has been a member of the faculty of the National Music Camp, Interlochen, Mich.

He has performed in community concerts and civic music concerts as accompanist for such well known Metropolitan singers as John Alexander, Rosalind Elias and Richard Tucker.

Mrs. Bastien is an assistant professor of music at Tulane University, New Orleans, where she is head of the Preparatory Piano Department at Newcomb College. She has gained renown for her methods and workshops on the teaching of piano to children.

Author and editor of the "Music Through the Piano Series," Mrs. Bastien has composed and edited 36 books and 43 instructional pieces in the series. Her husband has composed and edited 11 books in the series.

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