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'BALCONY BRASS' TO OPEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY AT UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA --

"Balcony Brass," a medley of Christmas music by the University Brass Ensemble, will open the annual University of Montana Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday (Dec. 9) in the University Theater. A total of about 115 UM students will perform during the program.

Featured in the concert, which is open to the public without charge under the sponsorship of the UM School of Fine Arts and Department of Music, will be excerpts from the Christmas portion of G. F. Handel's oratorio, "Messiah." Guest soloists for the oratorio will be Twila Wolfe, soprano; Anne Carey, contralto, and J. Neil Dahlstrom, bass-baritone.

Selections from "Messiah" will include "Every Valley," "And the Glory of the Lord,"
"Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive," "The People That Walked in Darkness," "And the Angel
Said Unto Them," "Glory to God!" and "Hallelujah!"

The concert also will feature J. S. Bach's "Concerto in C minor for violin, oboe and string orchestra," with soloists Michael Leib, violin, and Katherine Hartung, oboe.

Also included will be "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," a work by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Several University faculty members will be conductors during Sunday's Christmas

Concert--Donald A. Carey, an assistant professor of music, University Choir; Eugene

Andrie, music professor, Montana Little Symphony; and Lance Boyd, instructor and associate director of bands, University Brass Ensemble. Jerry Domer, an assistant professor of music, will be guest conductor for the Bach composition.