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KUFM RADIO AT UM
TO FEATURE OPERA
BROADCAST SATURDAY

MISSOULA--

The opera "La Boheme" by Puccini will be broadcast live by KUFM radio at the University of Montana at noon MST Saturday (Jan. 20).

Philip J. Hess, chairman of the UM Department of Radio and Television, said "La Boheme" will be the first in a series of live opera broadcasts to be presented on consecutive Saturdays through April 21 by the student-operated FM radio station, which recently received a significant power boost enabling it to broadcast throughout the entire Missoula valley.

Saturday's program will be presented over the Metropolitan Opera Radio Network from New York City. KUFM broadcasts at 89.1 megahertz, formerly megacycles, on the FM dial.

Singing principal roles during the "La Boheme" broadcast will be soprano Pilar Lorengar as Mimi, soprano Colette Boky as Musetta, tenor Richard Tucker in the role of Rodolfo, baritone William Walker as Marcello, bass Paul Plishka as Colline, and baritone Robert Goodloe as Schaunard. Henry Lewis will be making his Metropolitan Opera broadcast debut as conductor.

During the first intermission "Opera News on the Air," the noted musicologist Boris Goldovsky will demonstrate with musical illustrations "The Orchestra as Stage Director."

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Facing quizmaster Edward Downes on Opera Quiz during the second intermission will be Robert Lawrence noted conductor and music critic; Terry McEwen, manager of the classical division of London Records, and William Weaver, Roving Opera Reporter.

In an operatic "turnabout," the third intermission of "La Boheme" will be devoted to a musical and dramatic analysis of the story of Goldovsky, with Edward Downes acting as biographer.

The intermission features are produced by Geraldine Souvaine, who has been handling this assignment for the past 33 years.

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