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CAST SELECTED FOR 'VALLEY FORGE'
PRODUCTION AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA--

The cast has been chosen for "Valley Forge," the 1976 production of the Montana Repertory Theater (MRT), an organization based at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Rolland R. Meinholtz, artistic director of the MRT '76, who also is associate professor of drama at UM, said "Valley Forge" will be presented at 8 p.m. March 3-7 in the University Theater. The MRT will then present the production elsewhere.

"Valley Forge" already has been tentatively scheduled in a number of communities, but the production dates in the respective towns are to be announced later. Communities where "Valley Forge" will be presented include Plains, Kalispell, Chester, Conrad, Anaconda, Red Lodge, Billings and Bozeman.

Peter J. O'Rourke, an assistant professor of drama at UM, who is MRT managing director, said several tour dates are open. Additional information concerning booking and fee schedules may be obtained by writing O'Rourke in care of the Department of Drama, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801, or by phoning 243-5572.

"Valley Forge," written by Maxwell Anderson, centers on General George Washington and his troupes during the Revolutionary War, and the struggle Washington had with himself and the Continental Congress to get supplies for his "ragtail" army.

Thomas W. Morris, Missoula, will portray Washington in the MRT's Bicentennial production. Morris played the part of Nick Bottom in the MRT's 1975 production of "A Midsummer's Night Dream."

Members of Washington's command will be portrayed by David H. MacIntyre, Columbia Falls; Curtis G. Cimpson, Great Falls; Lee A. Erpenbach, Billings; Tom L. Valach, Missoula, and Philip N. Stauffer, Portland, Ore.

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The American Regulars, Washington's group of tattered and starving soldiers, will be played by H. Steven Wing, Helena; Tim Walker, Great Falls; Cody C. Harvey, Great Falls; James M. Brodniak, Kalispell; Daniel J. Ernst, Stanford; Harry G. Gadbow, Missoula; Michael L. Morrison, Missoula; Robert O. Hamilton, Hattiesburg, Mich.; and Richard E. Barry, Rochester, N.Y.

Kenneth M. Ott, Bloomington, Ind., and Richard W. Nagle, Helena, have been cast as British officers in the MRT production.

Women in the play will include Kimberly Waters, Bloomington, Ind.; Ronda G. Smith, Poplar; Mary E. Vollmer, Helena, and Jo Ann Brodniak, Missoula.

Dr. Larry Kadlec, on sabbatical leave from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alta., who is chairman of the design program there, has supplied the MRT with the scenic and lighting designs for the production. Stephanie Schoelzel, assistant professor of drama at UM, will design and execute costumes.

The MRT's production of "Valley Forge" will be presented through the UM School of Fine Arts and the University's Department of Drama. The MRT is partially funded by grants from the Montana Arts Council and the Montana Bicentennial Administration.

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