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MISSOULA--

The 39th annual conference of the Montana Music Educators Association, an organization affiliated with the Music Educators National Conference, opens at the University of Montana Wednesday, Oct. 20, with registration at 7 p.m. in the foyer of the University Center Ballroom. The conference, which ends Saturday morning, Oct. 23, is hosted by the UM Department of Music and School of Fine Arts.

In addition to the MMEA conference, the 1976 Bicentennial All-State Music Festival also will be held at UM. Festival dates are Thursday and Friday, Oct. 21-22.

The following events will be open to the public during the conference and festival:

-----Host Night Concert on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m., University Theater. The free concert is given for the MMEA delegates and the members of the All-State Band, Orchestra and Chorus by the University Choir, directed by Donald A. Carey; the Montana Little Symphony, directed by Frank Diliberto, and the University Band, directed by Butler Eitel.

-----All-State Band, Orchestra and Chorus Bicentennial Gala Concert on Friday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m., University Theater. Admission: Adults - \$2; children - \$1. Tickets will be available in the UM Music Department Office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 22, and at the University Theater box office at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Guest conductors who will participate in the Thursday and Friday public concerts include Dr. William Revelli, honorary life president of the College Band Directors National Association; Maj. Allen C. Crowell Jr., conductor of the U.S. Army Chorus, and Dr. Karel Husa, guest conductor of leading symphony orchestras and Pulitzer prizewinning composer.

The fourth guest conductor is Dr. Jester Hairston, Los Angeles, Calif., choral conductor, lecturer and arranger, who will give presentations at sessions of the Montana Choral Directors Association, one of the MMEA affiliated groups attending the conference.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the conductors will meet with students in UM Department of Music classes and will coach ensembles. The conductors will present an informal seminar in the UM Music Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The seminar will be open to the public.

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