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"HAY FEVER" STARTS EXTENDED CAMPUS RUN

"Hay Fever," the Noel Coward hit held over in the University of Montana Masquer Theater by popular demand, begins its final four-night stand Thursday (July 7) at 8:30 p.m.

The comedy has set all-time attendance records in the Masquer Theater, having been sold out for its eight performances to date, and has proved to be one of the most fun-provoking plays ever produced by Masquer Summer Theater, according to S. Joseph Nassif, director.

The second production of the summer series, Smetana's "The Bartered Bride," will be staged in the University Theater Wednesday, July 13, at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday, July 14-17, at 8:30 p.m.

"The Bartered Bride," a sparkling, tuneful comic opera, presents Marilyn Zschau, soprano from New York City, as the lovely Marie. Miss Zschau, who toured last season with the Metropolitan Opera National Company, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a Young Artists' Competition winner. As a graduate student at Juilliard School of Music she appeared in the world premiere of Vittorio Giannini's "Rehearsal Call" and in the American premiere of Paul Hindemith's "The Long Christmas Dinner."

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The gay musical comedy opening in the University Theater July 13 is a joint production of the Masquers and the Opera Workshop and features star performers from the workshop, including Esther England, Lee Mathews, Doug Dunnell, Jim Selway, Doug Manning, Jim Terrell, Dennis Craig and Don Collins. Susie Volkcl and Elsie Phillips, 1966 high-school graduates, also have principal roles.

Massif is director of the show, and Prof. John Lester and Dr. David Whitwell are musical directors. Richard H. James Jr., director of UM summer theater, is designer, and Dana Carter is choreographer.

Tickets for "The Bartered Bride" are now on sale at the box office, which is open from noon to 5 p.m. daily and remains open until curtain time on dates of performances. A discount price will be in effect for children who attend the matinee at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.

Tickets for "Hay Fever," which will run Thursday through Sunday, July 7-10, are also available at the box office (243-4581).