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MASQUERS STAGE "ENTERTAINER"

"The Entertainer" by John Osborne, which opened Thursday to a receptive crowd in the Masquer Theater, will play again at 8:30 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 7) and Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 11-14.

Called by Frank Aston of the New York World-Telegram "hard drama and high theatre that wrenches you with pity for the hopeless," the play, with its vaudeville interludes, drew enthusiastic comment from weekend audiences, according to S. Joseph Nassif, associate director of summer theater at the University of Montana.

The production features Roger DeBourg, Red Lodge, as Archie Rice, the central character, described by drama critic Brooks Atkinson as "a glib, cheap, unscrupulous actor and promoter who is going down for the last time, dragging everyone else down with him." The part was played in London and on Broadway by Sir Laurence Olivier.

Other cast principals are Georgia Tree, Billings; Gloria Sykee, Chicago, Ill.; Duncan Crump, Missoula, and Doug Dunnell, Missoula, all of whom, like DeBourg, have appeared in previous Masquer shows this summer. Supporting roles are taken by Joe Ferrell, Lewistown; Harry Trickey, Trinidad, Colo., and Diane Roper, Cut Bank.

Tom Gruenewald, visiting distinguished lecturer in drama at the University, is director of "The Entertainer," and Richard H. James Jr., director of UM summer theater, is designer.

The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. daily and from noon to curtain time on dates of performances.

An added attraction for play patrons is an exhibition in the theater lobby of painting and sculpture by UM art students.