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NOTED LUTENIST WILL PLAY UM RECITAL

Suzanne Bloch plays expert and delightful concerts of early music at the lute. She is in constant demand for tours and will be heard Monday (May 8) at 8:15 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall on the University of Montana campus.

For many years Miss Bloch was the principal concert performer on the American continent at the lute. She also is a brilliant player on the early keyboard instrument, the virginals, and is considered one of the outstanding exponents of the recorder.

Miss Bloch has adapted a charming voice for her own lute accompaniment. She performs the beautiful literature of lute songs which once marked a high point in musical culture.

Daughter of the late composer, Ernest Bloch, Suzanne's first training was as a pianist. She turned in her teens to various keyboard instruments of an earlier day. As a composer she won, at age 19, first prize in a Parisian contest for women composers.

In recent years she has had orchestral performances in New York by Leonard Bernstein and Leon Barzin and at one of her New York recitals she included some charming lute songs of her own, set to verses from "Alice in Wonderland."

Miss Bloch brings to her programs fascinating performances and repertoire, a warm and sparkling personality, a delightful stage presence and a communication with her audience. Her spontaneous, informal comments on her music and instruments are part of her recital. Her authoritative as well as virtuoso position on the concert stage includes presentations of special Shakespearean settings and music related to his plays.

Her free public performance is sponsored by the UM Associated Students Program Council. It is open to the interested public.