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QUINTET TOUR
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The University of Montana Music Theater Quintet will give 10 programs in six communities during a spring-vacation tour that starts Monday (March 18). Many of the appearances will be for school children.

The vocal ensemble is directed by Prof. John L. Lester, who also sings with it. Other members are Nancy Senechal, Missoula; James Selway, Dillon; Douglas Dunnell, Missoula, and Ruth Silvius, Fort Benton. Freddi Ibsen, Missoula, is piano accompanist.

The tour includes a performance in Deer Lodge and one in Roundup March 18, three in Livingston March 19, one in Bozeman March 20, three in Hamilton March 21 and one in Stevensville March 22.

Tour costs are shared by schools that engage the ensemble and Young Audiences, Inc., a national, nonprofit organization devoted to introducing school children to the best classical and contemporary music. The quintet also receives financial support from the Montana Arts Council.

Dr. Lloyd Oakland, UM professor and Montana coordinator of Young Audiences, explains that the organization selects touring groups on the basis of musical quality and ability to communicate with children. Since winning the Young Audiences designation last year, the quintet has given 25 programs for some 10,000 Montana children.

The quintet's repertoire ranges from Broadway musical comedy numbers through familiar airs from famous musical drama, Prof. Lester said. Their school programs include informal discussion of the music with the children, demonstrations of technique, and question and answer periods.