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CELLO CHOIR CONCERT IS SCHEDULED FRIDAY

University of Montana cello ensembles, including the 17-member violoncello choir, will present an unusual, free concert Friday (April 26) at 8:15 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

Prof. Eugene Andrie will be the conductor, and Miss Jane Hevener Lea will be soprano soloist.

Prof. Florence Reynolds is director of the ensembles, which are comprised of her University cello students and selected grade and high school pupils studying cello privately with her or Kenneth Grant, Missoula.

The program includes transcriptions of Baroque works for viol da gamba and brass choir. The first, Sonata No. 2 by Kuhnel, will be performed by Grant, Kim Forssen, Missoula, and Miss Reynolds. The second, Gabrieli's Sonata Pian e Forte, was arranged for the violoncello choir by Fred Inman, UM junior from Billings.

One of the two works on the program by Villa-Lobos features Mrs. Lea as vocal soloist with nine cellists. The other is performed by 10 cellists. These two compositions, both titled Bachianas Brasileiras, are among many the composer wrote with the same title for a variety of instrumental or instrumental-vocal combinations, according to Miss Reynolds.

"They are extremely well written for cello ensemble and show the wide range of colors possible," she commented.

Cellists Carol Dimmitt, Missoula, and Inman and harpsichordist Earl Miller, Lisle, Ill., will play Handel's Sonata Op. 2, No. 8.

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Violoncello choir members, besides Miss Reynolds, Miss Dimmitt, Miss Forssen, Inman and Grant, are Bryan Colwell, Rae Gambs, Steve Gram, Louise Grant, Karen Green, Cindy Herbig, Susan Lofgren, Dianne Stinger, Linda Turman and Bill Van Sickle, all of Missoula; Linda Rhein, Helena, and Mary Scott, Hardin.