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BAND PREMIERS JOHNSTON WORK

The first Montana performance of a work by Dr. Donald O. Johnston of Missoula and the announcement of the recipient of the University of Montana Distinguished Service Band Award for 1968 will highlight a free public program by the University of Montana Concert Band Sunday (May 26) at 3 p.m. in the University Theater.

The 51-piece band is conducted by Prof. Butler R. Eitel. The assistant conductor is Bruce Schwartz, graduate assistant from Watford City, N. D.

Dr. Johnston's composition, "Giants of the Earth," was commissioned by his home town, Tracy, Minn. The composer conducted the premier performance of the work in Tracy in May. Compositions by the UM faculty member have been performed by several Big-Ten University bands and by the National Symphonic Band at the National Music Camp, Interlochen, Mich.

The UM Distinguished Service Band Award will be given to a high school band director selected by statewide vote of his fellow Montana band directors. The recipient will conduct the band in a selection of his choice.

John German, Oilmont, will be horn soloist for Concerto No. 1, Op. 11, by Richard Strauss and will be a member of a woodwind quintet that will play three pieces by Jacques Ibert. Other members are Kenneth Berg, Havre, clarinet, and Missoulians Connie Riepl, flute; Sylva Eitel, oboe, and Elizabeth Eitel, bassoon.

The program includes works by Hindemith, Shostakovich and H. Owen Reed.