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MISSOULA---

A full slate of summer theater performances has been scheduled by the Montana Repertory Theater Co. (MRT) in Missoula.

Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., MRT director, said Friday that the MRT will begin its second season of production in the University of Montana Theater on Friday evening, June 21.

The 1968 summer season will offer five productions in a rotating repertory schedule from June 21 through Aug. 19. Plays scheduled include "The Odd Couple," "Luv," "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," "A Delicate Balance" and "Lysistrata." Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. daily.

Dr. Brown said a new thrust stage is being constructed in the University Theater for the performances. Referring to the new stage, Dr. Brown said, "It will offer intimate audience participation in the five productions. Seating has been changed to surround three sides of the thrust stage, thus providing a new visual approach to the plays."

The MRT was established in the fall of 1967 through the joint efforts of the University, the UM Department of Drama, the Montana Masquers and the Montana Arts Council. A special \$12,000 grant from the Arts Council enabled the company to hire several professional actors and to launch a three-state touring program which brought "Julius Caesar," "The Devil's Disciple," and "She Stoops to Conquer" to thousands of theater patrons in the northern Rocky Mountain states.

"The summer season program will not be taken on tour," Dr. Brown said, "but plans are already under way for a Montana-Idaho-Utah tour in the winter of 1969."

Twenty-one individuals are associated with the Repertory's summer program. Rehearsals are already under way for "The Odd Couple," which opens June 21, and "Luv" which opens June 22. The two plays will run nightly in rotation from those dates on, to be joined by "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," June 29; "A Delicate Balance," July 6, and "Lysistrata" July 19.

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