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STRING COMPETITION IS SLATED AT UNIVERSITY

The Montana Little Symphony, the University of Montana orchestra, will sponsor a competition for string players on Friday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall on the Missoula campus.

Prof. Eugene Andrie, conductor of the symphony, said the competition emphasizes solo performance. It is open to students of grade and high school age in the region who play violin, viola, cello or bass.

Winner of the audition will perform with the Montana Little Symphony at its concert Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall. The guest soloist will rehearse with the orchestra Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6 and 7.

Contestants may choose their own music, subject to approval by the Little Symphony Council. Students who have questions about selection of music or any other aspect of the competition should write to Prof. Andrie at the UM Department of Music, Missoula. They should send tapes of the concerto movement or solo piece they select to Prof. Andrie before Nov. 15. Performances should not run longer than 10 or 12 minutes.

In conjunction with the audition and concert, a symposium on solo string performance will be conducted in the Recital Hall Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. James B. O'Brien, president of the Montana String Teachers' Association, will preside at the symposium, which is open without charge to string teachers and students. O'Brien, a UM alumnus, teaches music in the Billings public schools.

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Prof. Andrie said string artists from the University faculty and the Missoula Symphony will be on hand for discussion of string playing problems.

Artists who will be available for consultation include Dr. Gerald Doty, past president of the American String Teachers' Association; Prof. Eugene Weigel, former violist with the Cleveland Symphony; Dr. Florence Reynolds, distinguished soloist and former cellist in the Rochester, N. Y., Symphony; George Andrix, concertmaster of the Missoula Symphony and former member of the Houston Symphony, and Frank Diliberto, solo bass with the Chicago Summer Symphony and principal bass in the Missoula Symphony.