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"BARBER" PLAYS UM THEATER SATURDAY

The Canadian Opera Company's production of Rossini's comic opera, "The Barber of Seville," will play in the University of Montana Theater Saturday (Nov. 23) at 8:15 p.m.

Rossini's beautiful melodies and Sterbini's libretto based on the Beaumarchais comedy make the work one of the most popular in the repertory. At least nine other composers wrote operas based on Beaumarchais' play, but for a century and a half the public has favored Rossini's durable masterpiece over all the others.

The performance in Missoula will be in English, as was the first presentation of the opera in America, in New York at the Park Theatre on May 3, 1819.

The red-letter musical event in the University Theater is sponsored by the University Associated Students' Program Council with the cooperation of the School of Fine Arts.

Tickets will be on sale at the UM Lodge Saturday until about 6:30 p.m. The University Theater box office will open at 6:45 p.m.

In a brief between-acts ceremony Dr. C. P. Brooke, president of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, will give a C. M. Russell print to the opera company. Their director, Dr. Herman Geiger-Torel, will accept the city's gift for the Canadians.