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CASTING AUDITIONS SET FOR MONTANA REPERTORY THEATER WINTER COMPANY

MISSOULA, Mont.---

Casting auditions for the 1969 Montana Repertory Theater (MRT) Winter Company are scheduled for Dec. 7 and 8.

Dr. Firman H. Brown, University of Montana drama department chairman and MRT director, urged actors throughout the Treasure State to try out for the theater company.

General auditions will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the University Theater of the UM Fine Arts Building. Final auditions will be Sunday, Dec. 8, for those actors recalled for the general auditions. New members of the company will be announced Monday, Dec. 9, and rehearsals will begin Jan. 2.

The MRT Company, beginning its second season, is a semiprofessional theater-producing company organized through agencies of the UM drama department and the Montana Arts Council (M.A.C.). It is partially financed by a grant from the M.A.C. and the National Arts and Humanities Foundation.

The MRT will produce two plays this season--Oscar Wilde's classic comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" and Arthur Miller's American tragedy "Death of a Salesman." The plays will be performed in residence in the University Theater on the UM campus in Missoula Feb. 13-23, and will be on tour in Montana, Idaho, Utah and Canadian communities for approximately three weeks in March.

Dr. Brown emphasized that anyone may try out for membership in the company and read for as many parts as he desires. He said the tryout procedure would be to request individuals to come to the stage and read from the play being considered at that time.

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The two plays will be read and cast during the two-day period. All tryouts are open for interested persons to observe.

Dr. Brown said anyone planning to audition should familiarize himself with the scenes and characters he wishes to read, but scenes should not be memorized. Scripts may be checked out from the drama department secretary for four-hour periods or overnight.

Dr. Brown will direct both plays. Richard H. James, UM associate professor of drama, will design the sets and serve as technical director. Abigail Arnt, UM costuming instructor, will design and make costumes.

The UM drama department and Montana Masquers will produce Bertolt Brecht's powerful drama of good versus evil, "The Good Woman of Setuzan," nightly Dec. 5-8 beginning at 8:15 p.m. in the University Theater.

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