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15 MRT players, staff selected for plays

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Fifteen actors and actresses and a number of production staff members have been selected for the 1969 Montana Repertory Theater Co. (MRT).

Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., company director and chairman of the UM drama department, who released a list of those who will participate in the 1969 MRT season, said productions chosen for the season are "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "Death of a Salesman."

The two shows of the 1969 winter season will play in resident repertory at the University Theater from Feb. 13-23 and will then begin a tour which will bring the performing company to towns and cities in Montana, Idaho, Utah and Canada during three weeks in March.

Company actors and actresses include Paul B. Anderson and Barbara Trott Crump, Billings; Jim Baker, Conrad; Rosalie Jean Bracco, Butte; Roger DeBourg, Red Lodge; Teddy Ulmer, Townsend; Glenn Gauer, Great Falls; Nancy Senechal and Corliss Ann Nickerson, Missoula; Bill Shryock, Bigfork; Alan D. Cook, Prescott, Ariz., and his wife, Suzanne Jakeman Cook, Parowan, Utah; Billie Marhenke, Powell, Wyo.; Bernard Rosenblum, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Linda L. Atkinson, Birmingham, Ala.

Joining Dr. Brown on the production staff are Richard James, Missoula, designer; Abigail Arnt, Orcas Island, Wash., costumer; Robert Cocetti, Trinidad, Colo., technical director, and David Weiss, Peoria, Ill., chief electrician. Dr. Brown said other production crew members will be announced later.

The MRT company was founded in the fall of 1967 by Dr. Brown and the University Department of Drama. It is partially supported by the National Arts Foundation and the Montana Arts Council and is in residence at the University during the pretour winter months.

The 1968 winter company toured Montana, Idaho and Utah with three shows, "She Stoops to Conquer," "The Devil's Disciple" and "Julius Caesar."