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SHOWTIME OPENS SATURDAY

Showtime 1969 comes to the University of Montana Recital Hall for two nights only, Friday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 1, at 8:15 p.m., according to Edd Blackler, coordinator.

The sparkling variety show featuring the top talent of the UM Department of Music is presented annually to raise money for the Music School Foundation scholarship fund, according to the foundation president, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts. The show is directed by Profs. John L. Lester and George D. Lewis.

The fast-paced 1969 version of Showtime opens with "The Sounds of 1969," a medley of contemporary music by the 20-piece Jazz Workshop, directed by Frank Diliberto. The opener will be followed by scintillating segments by the Jubileers, the Music Theater Quintet, the Young Artists' String Quartet, and the Opera Workshop.

The Opera Workshop will stage production numbers from "The Most Happy Fella," with choreography created by Mrs. Betty Faurot and performed by her Sentinel High School Orchesis Dancers. The workshop will sing "Standing on the Corner," "Big D," and other hits from the Frank Loesser musical. The workshop is directed by its founder, Prof. Lester, and George Lewis.

The 17 Jubileers, directed by Dr. Joseph Mussulman, will sing folk songs, ballads and novelty numbers with their customary verve and originality. This group will entertain servicemen in the Northeast Command on a USO tour this spring.

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The Young Artists' String Quartet, coached by Dr. Florence Reynolds, will play "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair" by John Jacob Niles. Quartet members are Kristin Forssen, Missoula, and Gerhard Wolter, Englewood, Colo., violinists; Heidi Syroid, Missoula, violist, and Fred Inman, Billings, cellist.

The Music Theater Quintet will do the shaving scene from Rossini's "Barber of Seville," with Prof. Lester, baritone, singing the part of Dr. Bartolo. The other singers are Randy Schliebe and Nancy Senechal, both of Missoula; Kathy Wruck, Laurel, and Nick Alex, Hingham. Since its selection two years ago as a Young Audiences, Inc., touring unit, the quintet, under Prof. Lester's direction, has given some 80 performances for school children throughout Montana.

Admission for the scholarship benefit performance is \$1 for students and \$2 for others, Blackler said. Special rates are available for groups. Tickets may be ordered by calling Mrs. Doris Dundas, Music office, 243-5111.