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RAMSEY LEWIS TO PERFORM  
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MISSOULA--

Famed jazz artist Ramsey Lewis will perform in concert with the Ramsey Lewis Trio Monday at the University of Montana in place of the scheduled weekend performance of popular recording artist Neil Diamond.

Because he is ill in Canada, Diamond will not be able to perform Sunday night (Feb. 9) during the public grand opening of the new \$4.3-million University Center, held in conjunction with the University's 76th anniversary.

Lewis performs at 8:15 p.m. Monday (Feb. 10) in the Five Valleys Ballroom of the University Center, climaxing the weekend-long celebrations commemorating grand opening activities at the huge Center.

Diamond has been hospitalized in Canada with a case of virus pneumonia and has cancelled all scheduled appearances, including the one planned for Sunday.

Lewis, whom Time magazine has described as "the hottest jazz artist going," won a Grammy award for his recording of "The In Crowd."

The virtuoso pianist studied at the Chicago Musical College and Roosevelt University. He formed his trio in 1955 and since then has reached great popularity, especially with the younger generation.

He is a regular guest on such TV shows as the Tonight Show and the Mike Douglas Show. Other successful recordings include "Hang on Sloopy" and "Wade in the Water."

Tickets will be on sale beginning Thursday at the University Center information desk for \$2. At the door tickets will cost \$2.50.

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