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CONCERT PRESENTS SINGERS WHO WILL COMPETE IN DISTRICT MET AUDITIONS

MISSOULA--

The annual free, public concert presenting University of Montana singers who will compete in the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions is scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. in the UM Music Recital Hall.

Nine singers, all students of Esther England of the UM voice faculty, will take part in the concert, which is a preparation for the district event Feb. 14 in Spokane.

England says the concert imitates as closely as possible the actual competition. After each contestant has sung an aria of his or her choice, he or she will be asked to sing another from a list of five that has been submitted to the judges.

Each member of the UM audience will have a chance to vote for the singer deemed most likely to succeed in district competition.

England says that for the past six years a UM singer has won in the district auditions and advanced to the regionals in Seattle, scheduled this year in March. Several UM singers have placed in the regionals, in which the best singers in the Northwest compete.

UM students who will take part in the concert Wednesday, listed by hometown:

Billings--Carla Riplett, soprano. Hamilton--K. C. Armstrong, soprano.

Kalispell--Henry Kiichli, bass-baritone. Missoula--Tim Campbell, tenor; Judy Donham and Lyn Holding, mezzo-sopranos; Joe Oechsli, bass; and David Simmons, baritone.

Stevensville--Michael McGill, baritone.

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