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UM CONCERT BANDS WILL PLAY COMBINED CONCERT

MISSOULA--

A combined concert by University of Montana Concert Bands will be given Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the University Theater on campus, Thomas H. Cook, director of UM bands, announced.

The free concert will feature two works for winds and percussion by Northwest composer Gloria Wilson Swisher, who will be present for the performance. The compositions are "Processions," to be played by the Symphonic Band, and "Thanksgiving I," to be played by the Wind Ensemble.

Bands that will perform during the concert include the 70-member Varsity Band, the 70-member Symphonic Band and the 40-member Wind Ensemble. The Varsity Band is conducted by Cook and Dan.R. Morgan, a graduate student. The others are conducted by Cook.

Dr. Swisher will give a free public lecture during her three-day residency at the UM. The composer, pianist and scholar will speak on composition Thursday, March 5, at 2 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. During her stay on campus she will also talk to composition students of Dr. Donald O. Johnston, UM composer-in-residence.

Swisher has been a professor of music at Shoreline Community College, Seattle, Wash., since 1969. She has also taught at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., and Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash.

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She has given recitals in Mexico and Japan and has been music and art columnist for the Caracas, Venezuela, Daily Journal.

After graduating summa cum laude from the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., she earned an M.A. at Mills College, Oakland, Calif., and a Ph.D. at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y. She has studied composition with Howard Hanson, Darius Milhaud, Bernard Rogers and John Verrall. She has been a piano student of Egon Petri, Berthe Poncy Jacobson and Armand Basile.

Her memberships include Phi Beta Kappa, ASCAP, International League of Women Composers, Sigma Alpha Iota and American Women Composers, Inc.

Swisher's father, William E. Wilson, is a 1922 graduate of the UM.

"Because of this tie with the University," Cook said, "Dr. Swisher has donated the copies of the scores and parts of her compositions that we will perform Friday to the University's Band Music Library."

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