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UM CELLIST WILL BE GUEST ARTIST WITH BILLINGS SYMPHONY

MISSOULA--

Cellist Christine Ranf, a University of Montana senior from Helena, will perform Concerto No. 1 in A minor by C. Saint-Saens with the Billings Symphony March 3. The guest appearance is the result of her winning the 1984 Young Artists Competition in Billings Feb. 4.

A music performance major, Ranf studies cello with Fern Glass Boyd of the UM string faculty. She is principal cellist with the University Chamber Orchestra, and she participates in the Missoula Symphony Orchestra as a scholarship recipient.

She also plays with a student string quartet and sings with the University Choir. This year she was a finalist in the Missoula Concerto Competition, and she won the state-level competition of the Music Teachers National Association.

Ranf, a 1979 graduate of Helena High School, is the daughter of Philip Ranf and Katherine Schmit, both of Helena. She plans to go on to graduate school and, ultimately, to play professionally with an orchestra.

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