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Prof. Eugene Weigel, composer in residence at Montana State University, will be in Germany for the performance Tuesday of his composition, "Concerto Festivo," at the Berlin Festivochen, according to Dean Luther A. Richman of the MSU College of Fine Arts.

Prof. Weigel is one of a distinguished company of artists from all over the world invited to participate in the three-week festival featuring music, ballet, drama, and other art forms, the dean said. Duke Ellington and his band, Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Symphony, and such composers as Stravinsky and Hindemith are among the musicians taking part in the festival, which opened in Berlin last Sunday (September 20).

"Concerto Festivo," a work for harpsichord, flute, and strings, was written for Silvia Kind, the Swiss conductor and harpsichordist. The string section of the Berlin Philharmonic Symphony will play the string part of the composition, and the organization's first flutist, Nicolet, will perform the flute part.

Prof. Weigel came to MSU in 1956 from the faculty of the University of Illinois. He received a degree in music from Yale University, and in 1954-55 he was a Guggenheim Fellow. He was a founder of the Walden String Quartet and now plays with the Montana String Quartet. His works have been widely performed in this country and abroad.