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Montana State University String Quartet receives Young Audiences Inc. grant

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The Montana State University String Quartet has received a grant from Young Audiences Inc. to perform programs of chamber music in Missoula and western Montana in the 1965-66 academic year.

This is the first grant of its kind ever awarded the MSU music department, according to Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts. The quartet comprises Eugene Andrie, violin; Dr. Gerald Doty, violin; Eugene Weigel, viola, and Dr. Florence Reynolds, cello.

Young Audiences, a national organization, was established to promote good music in the elementary schools, Dean Bolen said. Three other universities, University of Indiana, University of Iowa and Oberlin, are now participating in Young Audiences.

According to Dean Bolen, the grant to the MSU group will allow the quartet to perform about 30 programs in western Montana during the school year.

On a recent tour the quartet was auditioned by an officer of Young Audiences, who recommended the group as a professional quartet to the Board of Young Audiences.

Among members of the advisory committee of the organization are Leonard Bernstein, Yehudi Menuhin, Gian-Carlo Menotti, Isaac Stern and George Szell. Young Audiences has been backed by the Carnegie Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

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