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REGINA, MAY 13 - The opening musical event in the two-week long Convocation Festival to celebrate the first degree-granting ceremonies of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, will be held Friday, May 14, in Darke Hall at 8 p.m.

The first of the music programs will be a jazz concert with some of the province's finest jazz performers. Featured will be the 16-piece Jubilee Orchestra under the direction of Allan Muirhead, the Bob Moyer Trio with vocalist Pat Steele, and the Boyce McLean Sextet. A highlight of the concert will be a Modern Jazz Ballet by students of the Modern Dance Class of the Ballet Division, Regina Conservatory of Music, choreographed by Director Reg Hawe.

A completely different style of music will be featured on Wednesday, May 19, when the Baroque Chamber Players from the Regina Conservatory of Music present a Baroque Concert at 8 p.m. in Darke Hall. The Baroque group was organized by Keith Cockburn, special lecturer in Music history at the Regina Campus, and Howard Leyton-Brown, director of the Conservatory of Music. The distinctive music of the Baroque period will also be heard when the Conservatory of Music presents a concert version of Purcell's opera "Dido and Aeneas" on May 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. in Darke Hall. Musical preparation is under the direction of Mr. Cockburn and Jan Van der Gucht, head of the Vocal Department at the Conservatory of Music. The performance will be accompanied by the Baroque Chamber Players and directed by Mr. Leyton-Brown.

One of the most outstanding musical events of the Convocation Festival will be a concert of commissioned works in Darke Hall Thursday, May 20, at 8 p.m. It will feature three major works commissioned by the Regina Conservatory of Music through a grant from the Canada Council. Composers of the works are Violet Archer, of Edmonton, Murray Adaskin, of Saskatoon, and Jack Behrens, of Regina.

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The Convocation Festival also includes public performances of Shakespeare's tragedy, "Richard the Third". A symposium titled "University in the Community" was held Monday, May 10.

The Convocation ceremony will take place Monday, May 17, in Darke Hall at 2:30 p.m. when some 70 students will receive bachelor of arts degrees, the first degrees to be conferred by the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus.

Honorary degrees will be conferred on the Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada, and Dr. Rex H. Schneider, retired principal of Luther College in Regina. A Baccalaureate Service, Sunday, May 16, in Darke Hall at 2:30 p.m., will mark the graduation ceremony in a religious manner.