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### "Carmina Burana" at UMM

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MORRIS (5/5/76) -- Two dance performances and the premiere of Carmina Burana by the Minnesota Dance Theatre are slated May 14 and 15 at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The Minnesota Dance Theatre comes to Morris under the aegis of the UMM Performing Arts Series and will present 8:15 performances in the Humanities Fine Arts Center Proscenium Theatre May 14 and 15. Admission to either of the concerts is \$2 for those not holding Performing Arts Series subscriptions.

Morris area residents will combine with the UMM Chamber Choir, under the direction of Kenneth Nafziger of the UMM faculty, to provide musical support for Carmina Burana, which has been translated to dance by Mrs. Loyce Houlton, artistic director for the theatre.

The Carmina Burana are poems about the delights of bed and board written by the goliards--wandering scholars and vagrant monks--in the late 13th century. Discovered and published in 1847, the poems were set to music by German composer Carl Orff in 1937.

Orff's approach to music has been a special interest of Houlton since she worked at the Orff School in Salzburg, Austria. Carmina Burana is a result of this interest.

Sets and costumes have been designed by Robert Ellsworth, assistant to Guthrie Theatre Designer Desmond Heely.

Carmina Burana is the fifth Houlton work commissioned by UMM. The May 14 concert also will feature her 293.6 and on May 15th will include Knoxville: Summer of 1915.

The Minnesota Dance Theatre also will present a workshop for those interested in dance at 10 a.m. May 15 in P.E. Annex. The workshop is open to the public without charge.

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