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A varied program of music and theater was announced this week for the 1963-64 University Artists Course of the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Scheduled for this season's series are the Little Singers of Tokyo, mezzo-soprano Betty Allen, the popular singing group--The Four Freshmen, a special production of the University of Minnesota, Morris theater, and, to open the series, "An Introduction to the Lively Arts".

The "Lively Arts" presentation, narrated by James S. Lombard, will bring to area concert-goers a program of ballet, opera, jazz and classics completely different from a similar 1960 production. It is scheduled to open the series on September 18.

The Little Singers of Tokyo will come to Morris on their first tour outside of their native Japan. Although they have never ventured beyond their home islands until now, the fame of these remarkable boys and girls has preceded them to this country. Comprised of 33 members, this unusual ensemble will present a program of Japanese folk music, sacred music and English selections.

Mezzo-soprano Betty Allen is touring this coming season as the winner of the \$5000 Ford Foundation grant for concert soloist. Her rise to world fame since she began her music education only 11 years ago parallels that of her famous soprano counterpart, Leontyne Price, who was her classmate in college. Among 10 major New York appearances last year, she sang five times at Carnegie Hall, made a distinguished Lincoln Center debut and appeared as soloist in Philharmonic Hall and Town Hall concerts.

Since they were "discovered" by Stan Kenton in 1950, the Four Freshmen have played at most of the country's leading night clubs and concert halls and almost every major college in the nation. Now established as one of the top acts in show business, their unusual arrangements and musicianship have brought them awards as "Best Vocal Group" time and time again. For years they have ranked at the top of surveys conducted by Metronome, Down Beat, Billboard, Playboy, the United Press, and others.

As a bonus this season, the University of Minnesota, Morris theater group will
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present a special production under the direction of Dr. Raymond J. Lammers, assistant professor of speech and theater arts at UMM.

Ticket sales for the series begin this week for former Artists Course subscribers with a general subscription campaign to follow from August 22 to 29. Tickets for the entire series of five events are \$6.50 per person. There will be no single admissions sold to any concert. Tickets may be ordered from the University of Minnesota, Morris or from the Artists Series campaign headquarters at the Merchants Hotel in Morris.