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Helen Karg Murray, pianist and member of the music faculty of Augustana, will be the featured guest soloist with the 20-piece Town and Gown Symphony orchestra at its annual mid-winter concert Sunday, January 12, at 3:30 p.m. in the Washington high school auditorium.

In keeping with a worldwide recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Edward Grieg, Miss Murray will play the famous A Minor Piano Concerto by the Norwegian master.

The string sections of the symphony will perform Grieg’s immortal "Heart-Wounds" and "The Last Spring." A highly diversified program is promised concert-goers attending the 1958 Town and Gown orchestral debut. Selections ranging from Mendelssohn’s "Reformation Symphony" and "Toreador," by Frerehold, Kindler to "William Tell" are included.

The orchestra is comprised of members from the greater Sioux Falls area, making up the "Town" section, and players from Augustana college, who represent the "Gown" section, the reference being to the academic gown.

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