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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
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The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53d Street, New York, announces that, through the generosity of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a trustee of the Museum, a portrait bust of "Pop" Hart, New York artist, by Reuben Nakian has been added to its permanent collection. This new accession will be placed on view at the opening of the ^{Museum's} Summer Exhibition in July.

Mr. Nakian, whose animal studies have for a number of years been well known, has devoted himself to portrait sculpture since his return from Europe where he studied under a Guggenheim fellowship in 1931. His exhibition of Artists' Portraits at the Downtown Gallery this spring, which included the "Pop" Hart bust, attracted wide notice and favorable comment. Mr. Nakian is a firm believer in the contemporary subject for the present-day American artist, considering that all important art has had a decided flavor of the time and the locality in which it was done. His work is included in the collections of the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Newark Museum, and many private collectors.

The Permanent Collection of the Museum of Modern Art is being gradually built up by gifts from friends of the Museum, around the nucleus provided by the conditional bequest of the late Lizzie P. Bliss. Gifts are accepted on condition that they may be retired from exhibition whenever the trustees feel it advisable, for a permanent collection of modern art must have flexibility. The composition of the collection will change; the principles on which it is built will remain permanent. When a creative artist has not yet attained recognition, it is the province of the Museum of Modern Art to give him representation. When he becomes a recognized "master", the attention of the Museum would naturally be directed toward new discoveries and further pioneering.

The Exhibition of American Sources of Modern Art will continue
FOR INFORMATION AFTER MUSEUM HOURS:

through June 30th.
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