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Teo Macero, young American jazz composer, will entertain guests at a gala benefit preview of RECENT DRAWINGS USA at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, on April 24 from 9pm to 12pm, under the sponsorship of the Museum's Junior Council. Performing with four other musicians on two saxophones, guitar, double bass and percussion, Mr. Macero's quintet will present his original compositions as well as arrangements of other American works.

Mr. Macero has won wide critical acclaim for his contribution in the field of contemporary music, and especially in the field of jazz. Sometimes called progressive jazz, Mr. Macero's compositions are described by Peggy Glanville-Hicks, well-known composer and music critic as, "...essentially hybrid, using the more vital and creative elements from both the short-haired and long-haired worlds.

"He takes the twelve-tone row of the late Mr. Arnold Schoenberg and swings it -- or he will borrow the latest and hottest of swing forms and scrub them bare of the saccharine harmonic cliches of jazzdom, putting in their place the colors of highbrow modernism. He switches orchestration too. He will write a serious work for a jazz orchestra or just the opposite, using jazz forms with a symphony orchestra," she says.

Born in Glen Falls, New York, in 1925, Mr. Macero was graduated from the Julliard School of Music in 1953. His works have been performed at Cooper Union in the experimental music series and at the Concert Series at Columbia University.

The April 24th preview is called "Collectors' First Choice" as benefit night ticket holders will have first opportunity to make purchases from the exhibition. RECENT DRAWINGS USA, selected from thousands of entries submitted by artists living in all parts of the country, has been organized by the Museum's Junior Council to demonstrate recent directions in American drawing and to emphasize new talent. The Council sponsors and operates the Art Lending Service, film showings and other special events connected with the arts. Tickets for the benefit, \$7.50 each, are available at the Junior Council office, 21 West 53 Street.
