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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OPEN THURSDAY EVENINGS

One of the major attractions in New York this summer, the <u>Picasso: 75th Anniversary</u>

Exhibition, will be open every Thursday evening until 10 p.m. at the Museum of

Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street. Record-breaking crowds at the exhibition, more than

100,000 during the first month, prompted the extended evening hours.

Visitors will find more than three gallery floors occupied by the most comprehensive collection of Picasso's work ever exhibited. More than 500 paintings,
sculptures and drawings, many never before seen in this country, are chronologically
awranged to show the various periods of changing experimentation of the most famous
and controversial artist of our time. The exhibition, which includes works borrowed
from 95 public and private collections both here and abroad, will be on view through
September 8. Later it will be shown in Chicago and Philadelphia.

"So great was the impact of this amazing artist on the world," says the <u>Sunday</u>

<u>Mirror</u> of Picasso with typical acclaim, "that he has influenced every living person."

Films will also be shown Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Museum's auditorium. Programs, from the summer series "Sixty Years of French Films," the first comprehensive survey of French films ever presented in the United States, will repeat the regular afternoon schedule. Such old favorites as Jean Cocteau's Blood of a Poet, Jean Renoir's A Day in the Country, and Man About Town with Maurice Chevalier are among the summer evening offerings. Admission to the Museum, 75 cents, includes the film showing.

For summer dining in town, a new place is in the Museum's air-conditioned garden restaurant and under the birch trees on the open-air terrace of the sculpture court. In view, among the trees, myrtle banks and reflecting pools, are such famous works of sculpture as Rodin's Balzac, Maillol's The River and Epstein's Mother and Child. An inexpensive supper is available Thursday evenings from 6 to 8; salads, snacks and dessert from 8 to 10.

The summer schedule is:

Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday evenings open until 10 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.