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The young American artist's work during the past decade is surveyed in seventyseven works borrowed from forty-eight public and private collections in the United States. Twenty-nine sculptures were selected by Peter Selz, Curator of the Department of Painting and Sculpture Exhibitions; thirty-six drawings and twelve prints, by William S. Lieberman, Curator of Drawings and Prints.

As Peter and Thalia Selz point out in the exhibition catalog to be published in Rotterdam:

Reliance on tradition is one of the essential aspects of Baskin's work setting him apart from the majority of modern sculptors and printmakers and their experimentation in new formal structures, new media and new techniques. Baskin is a master of old techniques...His sculpture is solid....The open forms and space extensions of his contemporaries do not interest him. He considers abstract art in general to be a blind alley and criticizes it for dealing with an elementary and fragmentary image of the world....In a world which has placed a premium on "novelty," "freshness," and "ingenuity," Baskin invents within the established conventions, postulating an art which partakes of the western tradition.

The exhibition includes five portraits in wood and bronze and two drawings of artists whose work Baskin admires--Rodolphe Bresdin, William Blake, Ernst Barlach, Thomas Eakins and the composer, Gustave Mahler. Four works from his "poet laureate" series demonstrate Baskin's development of a single theme in different media, from woodcut to standing carved figure. Forms are simplified as he progresses from the freer to the increasingly more commanding medium. His preoccupation with death and decay is apparent throughout the exhibition, which includes bronze and stone effigies of dead men, and prints and drawings such as "Angel of Death," "Bartleby the Scrivener, and "Hanged Man." Another aspect of Baskin's art is his interest in nature, as seen in the delicate bronze relief, "Thistle," and a plaque entitled "In Memory of Lewis Elack." His frequent use of bird images is shown in several drawings and sculptures of owls and crows and in prints such as "Man of Peace."

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Leonard Baskin Exhibition

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Lenders to the exhibition are: Mrs. Leonard Baskin, Northampton, Mass.; Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm W. Bick, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Grace Borgenicht Brandt, N.Y.; Mr. David Bourdon, Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mr. Nathan Chaikin, New York, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Dana, Boston, Mass.; Mr. William C. Esty, New York, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Sampson R. Field, New York, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fleischman, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Abraham N. Friedman, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. and Mrs. Milton Gardner, Merrick, N.Y.; Mr. Malcolm Goldstein, Palo Alto, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Kurt H. Grunebaum, Harrison, N.Y.; Mrs. Chaja R. Gusten-Goldstein, Rego Park, N.Y.; Mr. Charles Gwathmey, N.Y.; Mr. Joseph H. Hirshhorn, New York, N.Y.; Mr. Alvin Lane, Riverdale, N.Y.; Mr. Rico Lebrun, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Lee, Belmont, Mass.; Mr. Jay C. Leff, Uniontown, Penn.; Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Lifschutz, New Brunswick, N.J.; Mr. Howard W. Lipman, Cannondale, Conn.; Mrs. Albert A. List, New York, N.Y.; Mr. Stanley A. Marks, New York, N.Y.; Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Melamed, Milwaukee, Wis.; Dr. and Mrs. Jost J. Michelsen, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Neuberger, New York, N.Y.; Mr. Lee Nordness, New York, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pomerance, Great Neck, N.Y.; Dr. and Mrs. Allan Roos, San Francisco, Calif.;

Mr. Jacob Schulman, Gloversville, N.Y.; Mrs. Peter Selz, New York, N.Y.; Dr. and Mrs. Earl Shindell, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Louise R. Smith, New York, N.Y.; Mr. M. J. Stewart, Wilton, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stone, Newton, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Temple, Scarsdale, N.Y.; Mr. Monroe Wheeler, Rosemont, N.J.; Mr. David Whitcomb, New York, N.Y.; Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York, N.Y.; Boris Mirski Gallery, Boston, Mass.; The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Md.; The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Mich.; F. M. Hall Collection, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; The Museum of Modern Art, New York, N.Y.; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, N.Y.; and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, N. Y.

Overseas transportation has been provided by the Holland-American Line.

SPECIAL TO NEWTON PAPERS

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SPECIAL TO THE BRIGHTON CITIZEN AND THE ITEM

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SPECIAL TO UNIONTOWN PAPERS

Jay C. Leff of Uniontown has loaned a sculpture and three drawings by Leonard Baskin to an exhibition of the young American artist's work organized by the Museum of Modern Art for showing at the Boymans/van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam from May 6 through July 6. The exhibition, assembled at the request of Boymans/van Beuningen, one of Europe's most distinguished museums, is the first comprehensive show of Baskin's work to be presented abroad.

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SPECIAL TO RIVERDALE PRESS

Alvin Lane of Riverdale has loaned a sculpture by Leonard Baskin to an exhibition of the young American artist's work organized by the Museum of Modern Art for showing at the Boymans/van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam from May 6 through July 6. The exhibition assembled at the request of Boymans/van Beuningen, one of Europe's most distinguished museums, is the first comprehensive show of Baskin's work to be presented abroad.

Baskin's achievement during the past decade is surveyed in 77 sculptures, prints, and drawings selected from 48 private and public collections in the United States by Peter Selz, Curator of the Department of Painting and Sculpture Exhibitions, and William S. Lieberman, Curator of Drawings and Prints. The work loaned by Mr. Lane is a 1959 bronze relief entitled "Homage to Un-American Activities Committee."

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Lee of Belmont have loaned a sculpture by Leonard Baskin to an exhibition of the young American artist's work organized by the Museum of Modern Art for showing at the Boymans/van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam from May 6 through July 6. The exhibition, assembled at the request of Boymans/van Beuningen, one of Europe's most distinguished museums, is the first comprehensive show of Baskin's work to be presented abroad.

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SPECIAL TO SPRINGFIELD NEWS-UNION

pr. and Mrs. Malcolm W. Bick of Springfield have loaned two wood sculptures by Leonard Baskin to an exhibition of the young American artist's work organized by the Museum of Modern Art for showing at the Boymans/van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam from May 6 through June 6. The exhibition, assembled at the request of Boymans/van Beuningen, one of Europe's most distinguished Museums, is the first comprehensive show of Baskin's work to be presented abroad. Baskin teaches sculpture, drawing and printmaking at Smith College in Northampton.

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SPECIAL TO SCARSDALE INQUIRER

Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Temple of Scarsdale and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt H. Grunebaum of Harrison are among the 48 lenders to an exhibition of Leonard Baskin's work organized by the Museum of Modern Art for showing at the Boymans/van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam from May 6 through July 6. The exhibition, assembled at the request of Boymans/van Beuningen, one of Europe's most distinguished museums, is the first comprehensive show of Baskin's work to be presented abroad.

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SPECIAL TO LIFE

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