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A bronze sculpture by George Baker, born in Corsicana, Texas, in 1931, has been acquired by The Museum of Modern Art in New York and is on view in a special exhibition of recently acquired paintings, sculptures and constructions through June 12. Mr. Baker's work entitled 644 is one of six casts and was made in 1963. The work was a gift of the Larry Aldrich Foundation Fund, which is used primarily for new works by younger artists. Mr. Baker now lives in Altadena, California.

The exhibition of recent acquisitions contains 70 works dating from 1908 through 1965 by 68 artists from 20 countries. It was selected and installed by Dorothy C. Miller, Curator of Museum Collections, from a larger group, the rest of which will be shown later this year in small special exhibitions.

The current exhibition illustrates the variety of style, intent, medium and subject matter which characterizes the art of our time. Usually about half the acquisitions are purchases, half gifts. Many of the gifts have been solicited; that is, the Museum has sought out a donor for a painting or sculpture it has already selected. Other gifts have been proposed by donors themselves who frequently permit the Museum its choice from the work of a living artist. Unlike many museums, The Museum of Modern Art has no funds from endowments or from budgeted income for buying painting and sculpture.

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