

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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The Reception Committee of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, will entertain more than two hundred guests at the first garden party to be held in the Museum's sculpture garden on Tuesday, May 21, from five to seven o'clock. Mrs. O'Donnell Iselin is Chairman of the Committee of Twenty Hostesses who will receive the guests.

The party is given in honor of prominent Mexicans who came to New York to attend the opening of the Museum's current summer exhibition Twenty Centuries of Mexican Art. As part of the entertainment in connection with the party two Mexican guitar soloists brought from Mexico City for the special concerts of Mexican music, held twice daily in the Museum's auditorium, will perform. At 5:30 o'clock the Chorus of Sixteen Voices of the National Music League will sing a selection from the series of concerts being offered in conjunction with the Mexican exhibition.

The guests of honor are The Honorable Raphael de la Colina and Senora de la Colina, Miss Ruth de la Colina, the Honorable Ramon Beteta and Mrs. Beteta, Dr. Carlos Chavez, Mexico's foremost composer-conductor, Mr. Eduardo Hernandez Moncada, conductor of the concert series of music, Dr. and Mrs. Alfonso Caso, Miss Beatriz Caso, Dr. and Mrs. Manuel Toussaint, Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Misrachi, Mr. Justino Fernandez, Miss Ines Amor, Miss Elena Roma, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Covarrubias, Mr. Roberto Montenegro, whose paintings are being shown in the Museum's exhibition, Mr. Jose Clemente Orozco, the noted Mexican mural painter.

The sculpture garden is more than an acre in size and for the summer exhibition it has been completely redesigned with special pavilions where Mexican serapes, pottery and ceramics are shown. In addition, examples of Mexican sculpture from the Aztec period to the present are also on view in the sculpture garden.

Those members of the Committee of Hostesses who will receive with Mrs. O'Donnell Iselin are Mrs. John E. Abbott, Mrs. Alfred H. Parr, Jr., Mrs. William A. M. Burden, Mrs. Stephen C. Clark,

Mrs. William S. Cowles, Mrs. Wallace K. Harrison, Mrs. Walter Hochschild, Mrs. Seth Milliken, Mrs. Maurice Moore, Mrs. D. Percy Morgan, Jr., Mrs. William S. Paley, Mrs. John C. Parsons, Mrs. Woodard Reinhardt, Mrs. Stanley Resor, Mrs. Baillie Ripley, Mrs. Beardsley Ruml, Mrs. J. Peter Stevens, Mrs. Edward M. M. Warburg, Mrs. George Henry Warren, Jr. Mexican orchids flown from Mexico especially for the garden party will be worn by the hostesses.

If it rains the party will be given in the Museum's membership penthouse.