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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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GALA ITALIAN EVENING AT MUSEUM TO INCLUDE ITALIAN MODERN ART, FILM
PREVIEW, FOLK SONGS AND DANCES, REFRESHMENTS.

EZIO PINZA GUEST OF HONOR.

The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, is holding a Gala Italian Evening on Thursday, September 8, from 9 p.m. to midnight in celebration of the exhibition current at the Museum, TWENTIETH-CENTURY ITALIAN ART. This will enable those returning to town after Labor Day and those for whom evening hours are more convenient, to see these modern Italian works before the show closes on September 18.

"SOTTO IL SOLE DI ROMA," a new Italian film with English titles, will be shown for the first time in this country. Directed by Renato Castellani, the cast of the film includes Oscar Blando and Liliana Mancini. There will be two showings during the evening: one at 9:15 and the other at 10:45 in the Museum Auditorium (seating limited).

THE ITALIAN FOLKLORE SOCIETY, CORO D'ITALIA will present folk singers and dancers in authentic costume under the direction of Maestro Eduardo Battente with Nancy Castellano as pianist.

EZIO PINZA will be guest of honor following his "South Pacific" performance.

Italian wine and pastry will be served gratis.

Admission will be \$2.40, tax included, for the benefit of the Museum's Italian Purchase Fund to buy works by modern Italian artists. Tickets may be purchased by mail or in person. Checks should be made payable to the Museum of Modern Art.