

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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MESSAGE FROM THE HONORABLE VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI
MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, WHO IS NOW IN EUROPE, ON THE
OPENING OF THE NEW ANNEX FOR THE PEOPLE'S ART
CENTER OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

"The opening of the new building of the Museum of Modern Art at 21 West 53rd Street is a memorable occasion in the cultural development of this city. I am happy to have this opportunity to express appreciation of the work of the Museum of Modern Art and to extend my best wishes for the continuation and further development of this work.

"It is especially gratifying to note that the Museum of Modern Art now will have expanded facilities for its educational work. Both adult and young students of the arts will find in this growing institution a convenient source of instruction and inspiration.

"The educational work has been an active part of the program of the Museum of Modern Art for the past fifteen years, during which many thousands of adults, veterans and children have benefited by it. The city's numerous schools and other institutions interested in the arts draw directly upon this work.

"The opening of the new building is indeed an important step in the rise of New York City as a great cultural center. I am hopeful that many more people, in and out of the city, will become aware of and take advantage of these facilities. The arts are essential to the free and better life we are seeking to preserve and to build.

Sincerely,

(Signed) VINCENT R. IMPELLITTERI

Mayor"

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Closing sentence of dedicatory comments by Borough President
of Manhattan Robert F. Wagner, Jr., on September 24, 1951:

"I take great pleasure on behalf of the People of New York
in dedicating the Grace Rainey Rogers Memorial wing of the
Museum of Modern Art to the community for its cultural
advancement and enjoyment of the arts."