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Entries are now being requested from artists working in all parts of the country for a major exhibition RECENT DRAWINGS U.S.A. to be shown next spring at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York. The exhibition will open in April, 1956 under the sponsorship of the Museum's Junior Council. Approximately 125 drawings will be selected to demonstrate recent directions in American drawing and to emphasize new talent. The exhibition will occupy the entire first floor of the Museum.

A feature of the exhibition is that all drawings submitted for consideration must be for sale. An illustrated catalog will be issued and the selection will also be considered as a basis for an exhibition to be circulated by the Museum. Drawings will also be eligible for inclusion in the Art Lending Service sponsored by the Junior Council and purchases will be made by the Museum for its own collection. Mrs. E. Powis Jones is Chairman of the Junior Council committee organizing the drawing show.

Only work executed since January 1, 1950 is eligible. For the purposes of the exhibition a drawing is defined as a work executed in black or in one color on a paper or paper substance. Each artist may submit from one to three drawings. Entry cards, available now, must be requested from the Junior Council at the Museum and should be returned postmarked no later than November 1, 1955.

RECENT DRAWINGS U.S.A. is the second large exhibition sponsored by the Junior Council, a group of young friends of the Museum of Modern Art. In 1951 they organized a print exhibition for which more than 1400 entries were received from ertists and 371 sold to the public while the exhibition was on view at the Museum in New York. The show later traveled around the country.

Entry cards may be obtained by writing to: Junior Council Drawing Exhibition The Museum of Modern Art 21 West 53 Street New York 19, N.Y.

One hundred and fifty drawings have been selected from more than 5,000 received from artists in all parts of the country for the exhibition RECENT DRAWINGS U.S.A. which will be on view at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, from April 25 through August § under the sponsorship of the Museum's Junior Council. Many of the artists whose work was selected for the show have not been shown in New York before and the majority are under 35 years of age.

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While New York state leads in the largest representation, 13 of the artists are from California, 11 from Massachusetts, 8 from Illinois and 8 from Connecticut. Twenty other states as well as Hawaii and the District of Columbia are also represented.

Although most of the artists work full time as artists or teach or work in such allied fields as design and illustration, a number list diverse occupations including atomic energy consultant, cab driver, x-ray technician, mimeograph operator, jazz musician, insurance underwriter. One artist is a guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

All the drawings in the exhibition will be for sale, two-thirds of them for less than \$100. A gala preview called "Collector's First Choice" for the berefit of the Junior Council's program will be held on the evening of April 24. These attending will have the first opportunity to buy.

The drawings were selected for the Museum show by William S. Lieberman, Curator of Prints. Mr. Paul J. Sachs is Honorary Chairman and Mrs. E. Powis Jores is Chairman of the Junior Council Exhibition Committee. Mrs. Sawyer Desc; is Chairman of the Benafit and Mrs. John Fierrepont, Co-chairman. Mrs. Donald B. Straus is Chairman of the Junior Council. -

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