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Edward Steichen will be awarded the Commandeur de l'Ordre de Mérite of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in a ceremony in the Founders' Room of The Museum of Modern Art, Thursday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Steichen will follow.

Steichen, who was born in Luxembourg in 1879, is being honored by his native country for his achievements as a photographer and creator of photographic exhibitions, particularly the famous Family of Man show.

First presented by Mr. Steichen at The Museum of Modern Art in 1955 when he was Director of the Museum's Photography Department, the Family of Man show has been seen by millions of people in cities all over the world. Recently the United States Government gave a copy of the show to the Duchy of Luxembourg where it will be installed permanently in an old castle. While the castle is being remodeled, the exhibition will circulate to high schools throughout the country.

The award will be presented by Ambassador Wurth, Consul General of Luxembourg. Among the distinguished guests expected to be present are: Norman Cousins, Roy deCavara, Ken Heyman, Pare Lorentz, Wayne Miller, Irving Penn, Elmo Roper, and Pauline Trigère.

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