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Two Torontoborn artists, Alex Colville and Harold Town, are among the 68 painters and sculptors represented in the exhibition of RECENT ACQUISITIONS on view at The Museum of Modern Art in New York City from April 5 through June 12.

Mr. Colville, who is represented by his 1964 painting, Skater, was born in Toronto in 1920. He grew up in Amherst, Nova Scotia and studied fine arts at Mount Allison and lives in Sackville. Colville is represented in the collections of the National Gallery of Canada, the New Brunswick Museum, and the Art Galleries of Toronto, Hamilton and London, Ontario.

Mr. Town was born in Toronto in 1924 and still lives there; he studied at the Ontario College of Art from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Town is represented in the collections of the Vancouver Art Gallery and Victoria Art Gallery, British Columbia; the Winnipeg Art Gallery in Manitoba, the Edmonton Art Gallery in Alberta, and the Art Galleries of Toronto, Hamilton and London, Ontario. His painting, Optical Number 9, on view at the Museum is the gift of Mr. J.G. McClelland.

The Museum of Modern Art's annual exhibitions of recently acquired work are presented as a report to the public because, even with the additional gallery space made possible by the completion of the first phase of the Museum's building program, only a small part of the acquisitions can be hung in the galleries permanently allotted to the Collections.

The seventy works in the current exhibition, dating from 1908 through 1965, have been selected and installed by Dorothy C. Miller, Curator of the Museum Collections, from the larger group, the rest of which will be shown in a series of smaller exhibitions later this year.

The international character of the Museum Collections is well illustrated in the exhibition with artists from 20 countries represented including Argentina, Australia, Colombia, Cuba, Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Yugoslavia, as well as Canada.

Additional information and photographs available from Lynn Traiger, Dept. of Public Info.