

# The Museum of Modern Art

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## CELEBS PREVIEW MODERN MUSEUM'S FREE SUMMERGARDEN WEEKENDS

Dennis Bryant, NBC's Director of Community Affairs; Ed Bland, Program Director of The Museum of Modern Art's SUMMERGARDEN and Jazz in TheGarden events; and Janet Henry of The Children's Art Carnival, survey the scene at The Museum of Modern Art's evening garden gala, May 10, celebrating the inauguration of its SUMMERGARDEN weekends. The museum sculpture garden, 8 West 54 Street, will be open to the public free of charge every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6pm until 11pm through October 10. A changing program of entertainment and light refreshments will be available.

Mandolin players, a flutist, an acrobat and a juggler, all in costume, entertained SUMMERGARDEN's preview visitors as they strolled among the trees, reflecting pools and sculpture and sipped May wine.

Among the SUMMERGARDEN visitors were Mr. August Heckscher, Commissioner of Parks and Mayor Lindsay's official representative to the preview; Deputy Mayor Timothy W. Costello; Mr. Jerome Kretchmer, Environmental Protection Administrator and Mrs. Kretchmer; Mr. William S. Paley, the museum's president and Chairman of the Board of C.B.S. and Mrs. Paley, Mr. John B. Hightower, museum Director and Mrs. Hightower; Mr. Dennis Bryant; dancer Kay Mazzo of The New York City Ballet; Mr. Ed Bland; Mrs. Romare Bearden; artists Romare Bearden, Ernest Crichlow and Norman Lewis, Mrs. Betty Blaton Taylor, Director of The Childrens' Art Carnival and many others.

Hindu dancer Sukhendu Dutt will entertain SUMMERGARDEN visitors May 21 and 22. Mr. Dutt has won praise from dance critics around the world. The museum invites all to be its guests.

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