

The Museum of Modern Art

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Notwithstanding a strike by its guards over wages, The Museum of Modern Art will keep its major summer exhibition ITALY: THE NEW DOMESTIC LANDSCAPE open to the public. The Sculpture Garden and the Garden Restaurant will also be open, as will the exhibition "Projects: Richard Tuttle and David Novros." Film showings in the Auditorium will be held on the regular schedule, and the Museum's two bookstores will be open as usual. Regular hours will be maintained: daily from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., on Thursdays until 9 p.m., and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sundays. Through July 4, the second and third floor galleries, where the Museum's collections are regularly on view, will be closed, and the admission fee will be reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.00. The Summergarden program, normally held in the Sculpture Garden on weekends, will be cancelled for the duration of the strike.

The Museum of Modern Art and Local 32B of the Service Employees International Union have had contractual relations since 1951. The current collective bargaining agreement, which took effect one year ago and has another year to run, provided for a 7-1/2% across-the-board wage increase in its first year, together with substantial increases in pension and welfare contributions and provisions for overtime pay. The contract also provides for a wage re-opener to take effect on July 1, 1972. Meetings on the re-opener began in May, with the Union demanding wage increases of more than 15%. The Union has made no substantial movement from these demands, although the Museum has made a first offer equal to the increase in the cost of living during the past twelve months and has expressed its willingness to negotiate further. The Union has refused to utilize the services of the State Mediation Board, an agency which has been very helpful in past labor disputes at the Museum.

During the strike, security will be maintained by security supervisors and members of the managerial staff.

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