

# The Museum of Modern Art

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## MAJOR NEW YORK MUSEUM EXHIBITS AFRICAN TEXTILES AND DECORATIVE ARTS LOANED BY AMERICAN COLLECTORS

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to the current major exhibition African Textiles and Decorative Arts, on view until January 31, 1973, at The Museum of Modern Art. This exhibit, which will later travel to Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Cleveland, has received widespread critical acclaim.

The African show is unusual in that the objects have been drawn almost entirely from the collections of smaller institutions and private individuals around the country. It has not been generally known that Americans have been such avid collectors of Africa's decorative arts. Previous attention has been directed solely to collectors of African sculpture until this exhibit shedding light on the richness of textile and jewelry collections in this country.

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The attached release will tell you more about the show, and we enclose some reviews to give you an idea of the critical reception accorded this undertaking.

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