Summergarden The Museum of Modern Art FOR RELEASE: JULY 4, 1974

NO. 59

11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 Tel. 956-7501 or 956-7504

MICHAEL COHEN OPENS THREE SUMMERGARDEN WEEKENDS WITH YOUNG SONGWRITERS

Songwriter MICHAEL COHEN's performances in The Museum of Modern Art's Sculpture Garden at 8 PM Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6, mark the start of three Summergarden weekends with young songwriters. Entrance to the Garden is through the gate at 8 West 54 Street and seating is casual. In case of rain, the performance is 8 PM Sunday.

Michael Cohen has two records to his credit, one -- "What Did You Expect...?!" -- was released early this year by Folkways Records. Cohen has found a wide audience through frequent appearances on WBAI Radio: on his own shows; as guest of Bob Fass and Charles Pitts; and in-concert at WBAI's Free Music Store. He has performed at numerous political rallies and college concerts in the New York area.

Cohen was born in New York City and has played piano and guitar for most of his life. His musical influences range from Chopin to Sinatra to Leonard Cohen.

In his Summergarden concerts, Michael Cohen is assisted by John Henry Curry on bass and guitar.

Next to appear in the songwriter series are CARL ROSENSTOCK on July 12 and 13, and JOHN AND CARRIE CARNEY on July 19 and 20.

A grant from Mobil Oil Corporation enables The Museum of Modern Art to open its Sculpture Garden as a free public park on weekend evenings from 6 to 11 PM through September 29. Program Director Ed Bland has selected unusual entertainment which is presented every Friday and Saturday at 8 PM. Entrance is through the Garden gate at 8 West 54 Street and seating is casual. (In case of rain, performance is at 8 PM Sunday.)

Additional information available from Earl Hatleberg for Summergarden and Elizabeth Shaw, Director, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, NY, 10019. Phone: (212) 956-7504 or 956-7501.