

NEW INSTALLATION IN PRINTS AND ILLUSTRATED BOOKS GALLERIES OPENS IN JUNE

Repicturing the Past/Picturing the Present

Paul J. Sachs Prints and Illustrated Books Galleries
Through November 5, 2007

NEW YORK, June 19, 2007—The Museum of Modern Art presents *Repicturing the Past/Picturing the Present*, an exhibition of nearly 100 prints that demonstrate how artists from the late nineteenth century to today have explored contemporary issues by challenging, redeeming, or personalizing historical subjects. Included are works by artists from earlier periods such as Max Beckmann and Pablo Picasso, as well as contemporary prints by such artists as Christian Boltanski and Kiki Smith, who take a narrative approach to printmaking by referring to events in history, ancient mythology, the Bible, or centuries-old fables.

The selection of works culminates in a gallery devoted to the powerful series of 15 prints by Kara Walker (American, b. 1969), entitled *Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War (Annotated)* (2005), on view for the first time at MoMA. To create this series, the artist has printed her well-known silhouettes of figures and scenes over historical illustrations from a late-nineteenth-century compendium based on materials from *Harper's Weekly*, the most widely read periodical of the Civil War era. Walker's prints provide insight into the racial injustices of the Civil War period while examining the role they play in the stereotypes of today.

The exhibition is organized by Judith B. Hecker, Assistant Curator, Department of Prints and Illustrated Books, The Museum of Modern Art.

A Web site has been created for the exhibition, focusing on the Kara Walker project:
moma.org/repicturingthepast

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High-resolution images are available, please call for username and password.

Public Information:

The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019

Hours: Wednesday through Monday: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday: 10:30 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Closed Tuesday

Museum Admission: \$20 adults; \$16 seniors, 65 years and over with I.D.; \$12 full-time students with current I.D. Free, members and children 16 and under. (Includes admittance to Museum galleries and film programs)
Target Free Friday Nights 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Film Admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, 65 years and over with I.D. \$6 full-time students with current I.D. (For admittance to film programs only)

Subway: E or V train to Fifth Avenue/53rd Street

Bus: On Fifth Avenue, take the M1, M2, M3, M4, or M5 to 53rd Street. On Sixth Avenue, take the M5, M6, or M7 to 53rd Street. Or take the M57 and M50 crosstown buses on 57th and 50th Streets.

The public may call 212/708-9400 for Museum information. Visit us on the Web at www.moma.org.