

The attached letter sent to all city desks and selected list of individuals.

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

NEW YORK 19

11 WEST 53rd STREET
TELEPHONE: CIRCLE 5-8900
CABLES: MODERNART, NEW-YORK

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City Desk

Photo Editors

m: Elizabeth Shaw, Acting Publicity Director

Dear Sir:

A ten foot high statue weighing three tons will be transferred with special hoisting equipment from a truck and installed in the sculpture Garden of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, on Friday morning, May 14, between 10 and 10:30 a.m. The sculpture, called "Song of the Vowels," was shipped to New York for a large exhibition of work by the French sculptor Jacques Lipchitz which opens at the Museum on Wednesday, May 19. It has never been shown in this country before and is one of the most important works of art in this major Museum exhibition.

At the same time, a statue of "Prometheus," which is 8 1/2 feet high and weighs one ton will also be hoisted into the Museum sculpture garden. This statue has been sent to New York from Philadelphia for the exhibition. The entire show, consisting of approximately 100 pieces will be shown in Minneapolis and Cleveland later this year.

Because these statues are too big to be brought in through the regular Museum entrances, arrangements are being made to clear a space around the entrance to the Museum garden on 54 Street by the Japanese House, now under construction in the Museum's outdoor exhibition area. The sculpture is now on a truck in the Bronx which will be driven to the 54th Street side of the Museum garden between Fifth and Sixth Avenues Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

If you are interested in sending a photographer to cover this, would you please call me at Circle 5 - 8900.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Shaw
Acting Publicity Director