

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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TO: City Editors
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Dear Sir:

You are cordially invited to come or send a representative to the

PRESS PREVIEW, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2 to 5 p.m. of

PAINTINGS FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS, a major exhibition of 159 19th and 20th century paintings by 51 artists lent by more than 59 private collectors.

This is the last exhibition of the Museum's 25th Anniversary year-long celebration and has been selected by Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Director of Museum Collections, to complement the exhibition "Paintings from the Museum Collection" with which the Anniversary Year began last fall. More than 25 famous modern masterworks in this exhibition have never been exhibited here before.

The exhibition, which will be installed in the Museum's second floor galleries, will be open to the public from June 2 through September 5.

On Tuesday evening, May 31, at a private dinner and preview at the Museum given by the trustees for the lenders to the exhibition, the Museum will announce the establishment of an Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Lectureship, the first endowment of its kind the Museum has created. Wednesday evening, from 5 to 11 p.m., the Museum's members will preview the show which will be open to the public on Thursday, June 2.

RELEASE DATE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND FOR THE EXHIBITION WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1. Press releases on both the lectureship and the exhibition will reach you by Tuesday morning.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Shaw
Publicity Director