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FREE GALLERY TALKS SCHEDULED AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FOR PICASSO SHOW THIS SUMMER

Every weekday this summer free gallery talks will be offered for Museum of Modern Art visitors as part of the special activities connected with the PICASSO: 75TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION, already drawing record-breaking crowds. Mr. A. L. Chanin, lecturer and writer, will speak informally in the galleries every afternoon, Mondays through Fridays, at 3:30 p.m. Each talk lasts approximately an hour. Mr. Chanin's talks will cover the major phases of Picasso's extraordinary career that has made him the most controversial and celebrated artist of our time. Some will also be devoted to paintings by other artists on view in the galleries reserved for the Museum's world famous collections.

Mr. Chanin will discuss the development of cubism from the first cubist picture painted in 1907, the violent and disturbing paintings of the late 20's, <u>Guernica</u>, considered one of the greatest paintings of the 20th century, and recent paintings and sculptures, many of which have never been shown here before. A weekly schedule of talks may be obtained at the Museum.

The Picasso show, the most comprehensive presented in this country, will be on view on three gallery floors throughout the summer. The 328 paintings, sculpture and drawings have been lent by 95 public and private collections here and abroad for the exhibition which will be shown later in Chicago and Philadelphia.

The exhibition has been acclaimed by the critics and public alike. A special preview arranged for lenders and trustees was attended by 1200 people Monday evening, May 20. On May 21, 7,000 people attended the members' preview. Now open to the general public the show is drawing record crowds every day.

Timed particularly for summer visitors to New York the exhibition is one of the highlights of New York Summer Festival.

The Museum of Modern Art is open daily from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., Thursday evenings until 10 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 7 p.m. Lunch and tea are served throughout the week in the garden restaurant overlooking the sculpture court, and on Thursday evenings supper is served.

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