A gala preview of an exhibition Birds and Beasts from the Museum of Modern Art will be held on Friday, December 2 at the Country Art Gallery, Westbury, Long Island, for the benefit of the Museum’s 30th Anniversary Drive. Mrs. Charles S. Payson of Manhasset is Honorary Chairman of the Committee sponsoring the preview and exhibition which will remain on view through January 8, 1961.

The exhibition, selected by Alfred H. Barr, Jr., Director of Collections, and Dorothy C. Miller, Curator, will include paintings and sculptures by Picasso, Lipchitz, Giacometti, Miró, Calder and other internationally famous American and European artists.

The Museum’s 30th Anniversary Drive, launched last year, aims at $25,000,000 for additional building and for endowment and program funds.

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Tickets can be ordered by mail from the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, N. Y.

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