About 100 photographs of stage and screen personalities are included in Steichen's exhibition, "Portraits," an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, on view March 28 through May 21. The one-man show, a total of 300 works, will open at a preview on March 27, Edward Steichen's 82nd birthday.

While most of the theatrical studies in the exhibition date from the twenties and thirties, when Mr. Steichen was chief photographer for Vanity Fair and Vogue, singer Yvette Guilbert and playwright Maurice Maeterlinck were photographed in 1901, Eleonora Duse in 1903, and George Bernard Shaw in 1907. Among movie actresses of the later period are Jeanne Eagels, Gloria Swanson, Lillian Gish, Mary Pickford, Joan Crawford, Myrna Loy, Marlene Dietrich, Marle Oberon, Anna May Wong, Pola Negri, Sylvia Sidney, and Dolores Del Rio. Actresses primarily of the stage are Eva Le Gallienne, Gertrude Lawrence, Beatrice Lillie, Katharine Cornell, Helen Hayes, Pauline Lord, Elizabeth Bergner, Lynn Fontanne, Clare Eames, Eugene Leontovich, Masimova, and Ruth Draper. Some of the stars were photographed repeatedly over a span of years. Actors include John Barrymore as Hamlet (1922), Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, George Arliss, Maurice Chevalier, Charlie Chaplin, Paul Robeson (The Emperor Jones), Paul Muni (Key Largo), Fred Astaire and Douglas Fairbanks.

Among portraits of other celebrities in the wide range of the theatrical arts are those of playwrights Eugene O'Neill, Luigi Pirandello and Charles MacArthur; comedians Jimmy Savo and Ed Wynn; dancers Martha Graham, Isadora Duncan and the de Marcos; musicians Leopold Stokowski, Vladimir Horowitz, Lawrence Tibbett, Jascha Heifetz, Lucrezia Bori and George Gershwin; Walt Disney with Mickey Mouse; and such versatile perennials as Alexander Woollcott, George M. Cohan and Noel Coward. "Improvisations" of actors in The Front Page, What Price Glory?, Ab, Wilderness!, and Ethan Frome are also on view.

Prominent figures in the worlds of society, finance, diplomacy and the visual arts are also represented in the show, along with city and landscapes, nature studies, the "Balzac Moonlight Series" (1909), abstractions, combat scenes, and advertising.

Edward Steichen, the dean of American photographers, selected his retrospective from 30,000 negatives and prints. As Director of the Museum's Department of Photography since 1947, he has directed 40 exhibitions, including his greatest achievement: The Family of Man (1955). As movie maker, he supervised The Fighting Lady (1944) for the U.S. Navy, and for the past two years has been filming in color the Chad-blow tree at his Connecticut home.

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CHECKLIST

STEICHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHER

March 28 - May 21, 1961

1. My Little Sister (Lillian Steichen at the piano, now Mrs. Carl Sandburg,) 1893. Solio print

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23. (Nude) Figure with Iris. 1902. Pigment print. Gift of Alfred Stieglitz. Lent by The Metropolitan Museum of Art.


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GALLERY II Stage and Screen

63. "Ah, Wilderness!", George M. Cohan and Eugene O'Neill. 1933. For "Vanity Fair".

64. George Arliss in "Old English". 1924. For "Vanity Fair".

65. Fred Astaire. 1927. For "Vanity Fair".

66. John Barrymore in "Hamlet". 1922. Two-color process (Palladium and ferroprussi- sate print.)

67. Elisabeth Bergner in "Escape Me Never". 1935. For "Vanity Fair".

68. Lucrezia Bori. 1931. For "Vanity Fair".

69. Charlie Chaplin. 1925. For "Vanity Fair".

70. Mauries Chavelier. 1929. For "Vanity Fair".

71. Katharine Cornell - Improvisation: Greek Tragedy. 1924

72. Katharine Cornell in "Candida". 1925. For "Vanity Fair".

73. Katharine Cornell in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street". 1931. For "Vanity Fair".

74. Katharine Cornell in "Saint Joan". 1936. For "Vanity Fair".

75. Rose Covarrubias. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".

76. Noel Coward. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".

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77. Ruth Draper, 1928, For "Vanity Fair".
78. Isadora Duncan at the Parthenon, 1921.
79. Isadora Duncan at the Portal of the Parthenon, 1921.
80. Isadora Duncan at the Parthenon, 1921.
81. Isadora Duncan on the Acropolis, 1921.
82. Wind Fire - Therese Duncan, Athens, 1921.
83. Nymph on the Acropolis - Therese Duncan, 1921.
84. "Ethan Frome" - Ruth Gordon, Raymond Massey and Pauline Lord, 1936. For "Vanity Fair".
85. Morgan Farley as Clyde Griffiths in "An American Tragedy", 1926. For "Vanity Fair".
86. Greta Garbo, Hollywood, 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
87. Greta Garbo, Hollywood, 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
88. Lillian Gish in "Homola", 1923. For "Vanity Fair".
89. Lillian Gish in "Within the Gates", 1924. For "Vanity Fair".
90. Lillian Gish as "Ophelia", 1936. For "Vanity Fair".
91. Martha Graham, 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
92.Sequence - Martha Graham, 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
93. Helen Hayes in "Coquette", 1927. For "Vanity Fair".
94. Improvisation - Ogden Perkins and Lee Tracy - "The Front Page", 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
95. Gertrude Lawrence, 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
96. Eva Le Gallienne, 1927. For "Vanity Fair".
97. Minnied Loinhan in "Saint Joan", 1923. For "Vanity Fair".
98. Eugenie Leontyitch in "Grand Hotel", 1930. For "Vanity Fair".
99. Beatrice Lillie - "Rule Britannia", 1924. For "Vanity Fair".
100. Myrna Loy, 1935. For "Vanity Fair".
101. Borah Minevitch and His Harmonica Band, 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
102. Nazimova, 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
103. Pola Negri, 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
104. Ann Pennington, 1925. For "Vanity Fair".
105. Mary Pickford, Hollywood, 1927. For "Vanity Fair".
106. Jimmy Savo, 1929. For "Vanity Fair".
107. Sylvia Sidney, Hollywood, 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
109. Bernard M. Baruch, 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
110. Constantin Brancusi, 1927.
111. Heywood Broun, 1930. For "Vanity Fair".
112. Mrs. Arthur B. Carles. c. 1924.
113. Willa Cather, 1926.
114. Edna Woolman Chase, 1935. For "Vogue".
115. Winston Churchill, 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
116. George M. Cohan, 1935. For "Vanity Fair".
117a. Joan Crawford, 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
118. La Duchesse de Gramont, 1924. For "Vogue".
119. Alexander de Salzmann, c. 1932.
120. Jacob Epstein, 1927. For "Vanity Fair".
121. Charles L. Freer, 1926.
122. Greta Garbo, Hollywood, 1926. For "Vanity Fair".
123. Gerhardt Hauptmann, 1932.
124. Jascha Heifetz, 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
125. Cordell Hull, 1933. For "Vanity Fair".
126. Joanna, 1939.
127. Jean Leon Jaurés, c. 1907.
128. Charles Laughton, 1935. For "Vanity Fair".
129. Sinclair Lewis, 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
130. Henry R. Luce, 1935.
131. Thomas Mann, 1934. For "Vanity Fair".
132. Henri Matisse, 1930. For "Vanity Fair".
133. H. L. Mencken, 1926. For "Vanity Fair".
134. Eugene Meyer, 1922. For "Vanity Fair".
139. The Meyer Family, 1931.
140. Wayne Miller, 1938.
141. Carlotta Monterey (Mrs. Eugene O'Neill) c. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
142. Grace Moore, 1934. For "Vanity Fair".
143. Paul Morand, 1929. For "Vanity Fair".
144. Anne Morgan, 1930.

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145. J. P. Morgan, Esq. 1903.
146. Robert Moses. 1935. For "Vanity Fair".
147. Dorothy Parker. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
148. Luigi Pirandello. 1933. For "Vanity Fair".
149. Jack Sharkey. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
150. Steichen with Photographic Paraphernalia. Self Portrait. 1929. For "Vanity Fair".
151. Leopold Stokowski. 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
152. Sunburn. c.1925.
153. Mai-Mai SZE. 1934. For "Vanity Fair".
154. Lucien Vogel, Editor of "Vu". 1924.
155. H. G. Wells. 1931. For "Vanity Fair".
156. Alexander Woollcott. 1933. For "Vanity Fair".
157. W. B. Yeats. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
158. Princess YousoupoFF. 1924. For "Vogue".

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160. Constantin Brancusi in his studio. 1927.
161. Eugene O'Neill. 1932. For "Vanity Fair".
162. Improvisation - "Strange Interlude" with Lynn Fontanne. 1928. For "Vanity Fair".
163. "The Green Pastures". 1930. For "Vogue".
164. Richard Harrison as "De Lavd" in "The Green Pastures". 1930. For "Vanity Fair".
165. Wesley Hill as "Gabriel" in "The Green Pastures". 1930. For "Vogue".
166. Photo-murals for Center Theatre, Radio City. 1932.
168. Singing Wires and Buzzing Bees. c.1932.
169. Frog and Lily Pads. c.1916
170. Apple Blossoms (undated)
173. The Blue Sky - Dana Steichen. 1925.
174. Crab Apples (undated)
175. Delphinium at Umpawaug (undated)

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180. "Gallant Fox" 1930. For "Vanity Fair".

HALLELEADING TO EAST GALLERY


182. Dana and the Apple. 1922. Two-color process.

183. Marlene Deitrich. For "Vogue".


185. Gloria Swanson. 1924. For "Vanity Fair".

186. Clare Eames as Lady Macbeth. 1924. For "Vanity Fair".


GALLERY TO LEFT OF GARDEN ENTRANCE

188. The Maypole (Empire State Building). 1932.

189. Rockefeller Center. 1932.

190. Fortieth Street, Sunday Night. 1925.

191. Bricks...About 1922.


193. Clinic Stairs. 1931. For J. Walter Thompson.


195. Series of 11 heads from above.

196. Sunflower series. 1920-22. (11 photographs)

197. Sunday Papers. c.1922... .

198. Laughing Boxes. c.1922.


CORRIDOR TO WEST GALLERY - FASHION AND ADVERTISING

201. Fashion photograph. 1931. For "Vogue".

202. Marion Morehouse (Mrs. E. E. Cummings) - Cheruit Gown. 1927. Fashion photograph for "Vanity Fair".

203. Tear Sheets from "Vanity Fair" and "Vogue", 1923-1936. The photographer who works for reproduction does not make the final print, as his photographs appear on the printed page as "...interpreted...and translated by the engraver and printer. These reproductions are by Condé Nast Engravers and the Condé Nast Press.

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Shoes — Fashion photograph. 1927. For "Vogue".

WES'T GALLERY

Anna May Wong. 1930. For "Vanity Fair".


"The Gochens", 1919-22. A series of tempera paintings of fictitious characters in an imaginary republic. Each "Gochen" is composed of three triangles i: the proportions of extreme and mean ratio:

Khor, President of the Republic.

Khor, where he lives, on top of the earth.

The Radio Gull, Khor's Messenger.

Thinkrates, The Philosopher.

Madame X and Portrait Painter, Johnny Marine.

Mashton Shlushey, Lyric Poet.

The Pink Faced Politician (The Man Who).

The Cinnamon Bun Bar.

The Black 6 Tan Pup who sacrificed a piece of his head so he'd have a tail to wag.

The Deep Sea Ludicroceros.

Foxgloves. France, 1926.


Diagram of Doom No. 1. c.1921 (grasshopper)

The Spiral Shell. c.1921.

Harmonia Riddle. 1920.

Tree Trunk, 1932.

Wheelbarrow with Flower Pots. 1920.

Begonia — "Completely Licked". c.1922.

Lotus. 1915.

"Time Space Continuum". 1920.


From Outer Rim. 1921.

Bucket Stove. 1922. Two-color photograph. — Palladium and ferroprussiate print.

Mexico. 1938. Dye transfer prints from 35 mm. Kodachromes:

Flower portrait (Sunflower) c.1939. Dye transfer print.

Flower portrait (Lotus) c.1939. Dye transfer print.

A Victorian Bouquet. c.1939. Dye transfer print combining negative and positive images.

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Shad-blow. 1955. These 40 color photographs are still sketches for motifs being incorporated in a color motion picture about the life of the little shad-blow tree and its environment. The originals were made on Kodacolor, Ansochrome and Kodachrome. The prints on Type C and Printon paper were made by Norman Kurshan.

Block of "Blue Wave" Delphinium in Edward Steichen's Plant-Breeding Nursery at Umpawaug. 1938. Dye transfer print by Noel Deeks.

Edward Steichen's Delphinium. An exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art, 1956. Marking the first showing of plant breeding as an art form.

Edward Steichen's Delphinium at an exhibition in Ridgefield, Conn. 1939. Dye transfer print by Noel Deeks.

A new concept of photographic exhibitions. In "Road to Victory", "Power in the Pacific" and "The Family of Man" Edward Steichen created a type of exhibition in which the carefully thought out relationship between the individual photographs in content, image, space and scale serve to convey an overall message.

"Road to Victory", 1942. 5 installation photographs by Gottscho-Schleisner.

"Power in the Pacific", 1945. 5 installation photographs by Soichi Sunami.


Diorama "The Family of Man", 1955 - model showing installation technique.

"The Family of Man", 1955. Model showing installation technique.

U.S.S. Lexington; Hellcat Goes Thundering off the Deck, 1943. U.S. Navy

U.S.S. Lexington; Getting Set for the Big Strike on Kwajalein. 1943. U.S. Navy

A Burning Enemy Plane from the U.S. Navy's War Film, "The Fighting Lady". Photograph made with a gun camera synchronized to shoot with the Navy fighter plane's machine gun.

Linda being photographed with Daguerre's Second Camera. "Life", 1939.

Marie & Jean Pierre Steichen. c.1924.

Mary and Kate Steichen. Boulangis, France, 1913.