This summer the tree-shaded sculpture garden and air-conditioned galleries of the Museum of Modern Art will provide a mid-town oasis for thousands of visitors to New York from all parts of the country. An entire family can enjoy a visit to the Museum to see exhibitions ranging from sports equipment to Picassos, daily film showings and, on Thursday evenings, outdoor jazz concerts. In addition, lunch and tea—or sodas—are served on the terrace overlooking the garden.

During the next three months visitors will have a unique opportunity to see the most important public collection of Picassos in the world. More than 180 of the Museum's paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings by the great master are being shown together for the first time this summer in honor of his 80th birthday. In addition to the works already in the collection, the exhibition includes several major paintings which have been promised to the Museum by private collectors, as well as the famous Guernica mural and 53 related studies on loan from Picasso himself.

Also on view this summer is a controversial exhibition of recent figure paintings by 74 men and women from all parts of the United States.

Sports fans visiting the Museum during June and July may be particularly interested in an exhibition of over 115 examples of sports equipment gathered from all over the world. Objects ranging from diving masks and fishing gear to a racing car and a glider are displayed in an enormous tent erected especially for the occasion just east of the garden.

In the second floor galleries, visitors can see a sampling of the Museum's world-famous collection including such masterpieces as van Gogh's The Starry Night, Rousseau's The Sleeping Gypsy and Mondrian's Broadway Boogie-Woogie. They can also stroll through the garden where sculpture by Matisse, Moore, Calder and other well-known artists stand among groves of birches and weeping beech trees, reflecting pools and ivy banks.

Throughout the summer, films by Howard Hawks will be shown daily in the auditorium at 3 and 5:30 and at 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Among the 27 films to be screened are Twentieth Century with John Barrymore and Carole Lombard, To Have and Have Not with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall and Gentlemen Prefer Blondes with Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe and Charles Coburn.

A special summer attraction is the series of ten jazz concerts to be held in the garden on Thursday evenings beginning June 21. Admission to the Museum is $1.00 for adults and 25 cents for children; there is no charge for members. Tickets to the concerts are an additional 50 cents for all.

The Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, Thursdays until 10 p.m.; 1 to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

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