

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**11 WEST 53RD STREET, NEW YORK****TELEPHONE: CIRCLE 7-7470**

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The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, announces that it has acquired the properties located at numbers 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 West 53 Street for the purpose of erecting a new Museum building. The properties at numbers 9, 11 and 13 have been acquired in exchange for numbers 6, 8 and 10 West 53 Street, purchased last spring; the purchase of 15, 17 and 19 has just been contracted for. One of the chief reasons for the selection of this new site, which will more than triple the space now occupied by the Museum, is the necessity for adequately housing the Museum's present and expanding activities and collections. Another interesting aspect of this transaction is that the Trustees of the Museum of Modern Art hope the new site will be in the proximity of the Municipal Art Committee's proposed Art Center.

The Museum of Modern Art will remain in its present quarters until next June; it will then find another location nearby where it can carry on its activities through the 1937-38 art season. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1938.

Upon learning of the Museum's new property acquisitions Mrs. Henry Breckinridge, Chairman of the Municipal Art Committee, expressed herself as being particularly pleased.

"Although New York has always been confronted by the special problem of adequately coordinating its cultural institutions," she said, "there has never been an organized architectural project for the housing of cultural and social activities. With the building of a new home for the Museum of Modern Art I feel that a concrete step has been taken toward the realization of Mayor La Guardia's magnificent plan for civic development."