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Twentieth-Century Art from the

NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER COLLECTION

The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street

Directed by Dorothy C. Miller, Senior Curator of Painting and Sculpture

May 28 - September 1, 1969

Contents: Nearly 100 paintings and 100 sculptures, along with drawings, prints, and illustrated books, selected from almost 1,500 works of art in Governor Rockefeller's collection. This will be the first comprehensive public showing of one of the most important private collections in this country. The exhibition will indicate the broad range of the collection, beginning with works dating from the early years of our century and ending with paintings and constructions finished only a few months ago.

Background: Governor Rockefeller attributes his avid interest in art largely to his mother, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, a founder of The Museum of Modern Art and a devoted collector of modern American and European art. The Governor has been active in the Museum since 1932 when he became a Trustee. In 1939 he became the Museum's second President, serving with time out until 1955. From 1957 to 1958 he served as Chairman of the Board. The works of art installed at the Executive Mansion in Albany have been controversial among the legislators, but the Governor considers their presence a great aid in helping him persuade elected officials to initiate the first State Council on the Arts in this country.

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Catalogue: Twentieth-Century Art from the Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller Collection.

In addition to a preface by Governor Rockefeller there will be a foreword by Monroe Wheeler and an essay on the collection by William S. Lieberman. 136 pages; 137 illustrations (18 in color); 8 3/4 x 9 1/4 inches. \$3.95 paper, \$7.50 cloth. Publication date May 26, 1969. Published by The Museum of Modern Art, New York. Distributed in the United States and Canada by New York Graphic Society Ltd.; in the United Kingdom by Trans Atlantic Book Service, Ltd.; and internationally by Feffer and Simons, Inc.

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Additional information, catalogue texts, checklist, black and white photographs, and color transparencies available from Elizabeth Shaw, Director, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. 245-3200.

Note: Art of Oceania, Africa, and the Americas, from The Museum of Primitive Art, which Governor Rockefeller founded, will be shown at the Metropolitan Museum of Art from May 10 - August 17, 1969.

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Collection of Mexican Folk Art will be shown at The Museum of Primitive Art, 15 West 54 Street, from May 21 - August 31, 1969.