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ALAN JAY LERNER HONORED BY MUSEUM

Alan Jay Lerner will be honored by The Museum of Modern Art, the evening of October 9th, at 8:00 p.m. The celebrated playwright, lyricist and screen-writer will make a guest appearance in the Museum Auditorium, and selected excerpts from his major works will be shown including footage from "Paint Your Wagon" which will have its world premiere later this month.

Willard Van Dyke, Director of the Department of Film, will introduce Mr. Lerner who this year marks his twenty-fifth anniversary in the dramatic arts and film world. On this occasion, the Museum will present "Gigi" on October 8 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and "My Fair Lady" on October 9, at 2:00 p.m. only, preceding the evening showing of tribute.

Winner of two Academy Awards for his original screenplays of "Gigi" and "An American in Paris," Mr. Lerner also wrote "Brigadoon," "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot," all of which were brought to the screen. Presently he is working on "Coco," starring Katharine Hepburn as the fashion designer Coco Chanel.

The evening of tribute to Lerner was made possible through the courtesy of Paramount Pictures, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and Warner Bros.--Seven Arts. It is open to the public as well as members of the Museum. Tickets are \$1.50 and can be obtained at the admissions booth of the Museum on the day of the screening.

Additional information available from Elizabeth Shaw, Director, and Lillian Gerard, Film Coordinator, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, New York 10019. 956-7501, 7296.