

# The Museum of Modern Art

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Memo: To Assignment Editors, City Desks

From: Elizabeth Shaw, Director of Public Information

Re: Raising or "unfurling" of the Frei Otto Tent

The Frei Otto Tent, 2300 square feet of Trevira<sup>(R)</sup> High Tenacity polyester fiber, will be raised above the Upper Terrace of The Museum of Modern Art Sculpture Garden at 11:30 am, Thursday, June 3

The tent, which will be suspended like a giant floating kite or bird, is part of an exhibition of work by the famous German architect, Frei Otto. The tent will be open to the public on June 10; the exhibition of photographs of other examples of his work from all over the world, will be on view under the tent beginning early in July.

Professor Larry Medlin, who designed the tent under Frei Otto's supervision, will be present at the unfurling. The tent will be raised to its height of more than 50 feet above the Garden by winches.