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EXHIBITION: PRINTED ART: A VIEW OF TWO DECADES

DATES: The Museum of Modern Art, New York February 14-April 1, 1980

DIRECTOR: Riva Castleman, Director of the Department of Prints and Illustrated Books, The Museum of Modern Art

CONTENTS: The past two decades have been unprecedented in the production of fine prints and other printed matter by leading artists. The printed image is ubiquitous in contemporary art. The silkscreens of the Pop Artists; the lithographs of the major painters of the 1960's and 1970's; the ephemeral periodicals and booklets of the Conceptualists; the etchings and engravings of the Minimalists, with their precise lines and clear colors; the images of everyday life seen in the work of the Photo-Realists--all are, in the words of Riva Castleman, "testimony that a great part of the creative activity of this era has been directed toward the widespread communication that prints make possible."

This major international survey of work in the different print mediums, a 50th Anniversary year exhibition of The Museum of Modern Art, includes more than 175 contemporary artists from Eastern and Western Europe, North and South America, and Japan. Among the artists represented in the exhibition are Josef Albers, Art & Language, Jennifer Bartlett, Joseph Beuys, Mel Bochner, Daniel Buren, Christo, Chuck Close, Jim Dine, Marcel Duchamp, Helen Frankenthaler, Richard Hamilton, David Hockney, Bryan Hunt, Jasper Johns, Alex Katz, Ellsworth Kelly, Joseph Kosuth, Les Levine, Sol LeWitt, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Philip Pearlstein, Martial Raysse, Robert Rauschenberg, Ad Reinhardt, Ed Ruscha, Robert Ryman, Michael Snow, Soto, Frank Stella, Victor Vasarely, and Andy Warhol.

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- LECTURES: Two lectures on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Six artists from across the country will give illustrated talks about their work. Their diverse attitudes toward printmaking suggest the range of work reported in this major exhibition. February 26: Mel Bochner, Chuck Close and Joyce Kozloff. March 11: Richard Artschwager, Alex Katz, and Ed Ruscha.
- BOOK: Printed Art: A View of Two Decades by Riva Castleman. 144 pages; 105 illustrations (15 in color). \$16.50 hardbound; \$ 9.95 paperbound. Published and distributed by The Museum of Modern Art, New York.
- PRESS PREVIEW: Wednesday, February 13, 1980, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- PUBLIC OPENING: Thursday, February 14, 1980.
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