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## MUSEUM OF MODERN ART TO PUBLISH MAJOR SURVEY OF ITS DRAWINGS COLLECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXHIBITION

The impressive scope and character of The Museum of Modern Art's drawings collection is explored for the first time in The Modern Drawing: 100 Works on Paper from The Museum of Modern Art, a catalogue that is being published by the Museum in conjunction with its exhibition of the same title. John Elderfield, Director of the Department of Drawings as well as the exhibition, is the author of the publication, which features 100 drawings selected from the over 6,000 works on paper in the Museum's drawings collection. The exhibition will be on view at The Museum of Modern Art from October 29, 1983 through January 3, 1984.

THE MODERN DRAWING will present a historical survey of modern drawing that will include all major modern movements including Post-Impressionism, Fauvism, Cubism, Futurism, Constructivism, Expressionism, Dada and Surrealism, Abstract Expressionism, and Post-Painterly Abstraction. Over 80 artists will be represented including van Gogh, Seurat, Cézanne, Gorky, Matisse, Johns, Rauschenberg, and Frankenthaler.

Each work featured in the exhibition will be illustrated in color in The Modern Drawing, a 216-page publication. Accompanying each plate will be an essay by John Elderfield, who has noted: "The essays are intended to suggest the crucial role that works on paper have played in the development of modernism and that the greatest of such works carry a level of ambition and quality, no less than any other form of art, only different in kind."

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The Modern Drawing: 100 Works on Paper from The Museum of Modern Art by John Elderfield will be published and distributed by The Museum of Modern Art. Publication of this book was made possible by the generous support of Ronald S. Lauder and The Lauder Foundation. Research on the works in this book has been aided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Hardcover, \$37.50; paperback, \$16.50 (after January 3, 1984 \$18.50).

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