

The Museum of Modern Art

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART DEDICATES GALLERY

October 2, 1985, New York....William S. Paley, chairman of the Board of Trustees, today dedicated The Riklis Gallery within the Painting and Sculpture collection galleries of The Museum of Modern Art in honor of Meshulam Riklis, chairman of Rapid-American Corporation. The gallery will be devoted to the continuing exhibition of works related to Constructivism from the Museum's collection.

The gallery dedication coincides with the October 7 opening of the exhibition, CONTRASTS OF FORM: GEOMETRIC ABSTRACT ART 1910-1980, which features selections from the recent gift of 249 works of Constructivist and geometric art to the Museum from the Riklis Collection of McCrory Corporation, a subsidiary of Rapid-American Corporation. In addition to the donation of works of art, McCrory Corporation has provided an endowment for the gallery in honor of Mr. Riklis.

In formally naming the gallery, Mr. Paley noted that "It commemorates the generosity and the dedication of Meshulam Riklis. It recognizes his initiative in sharing the joy of art with millions of other people now and in the years to come. It expresses our pleasure that he has chosen to share it through this museum."

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