

# The Museum of Modern Art

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Since 1980 John Elderfield has been director of the Department of Drawings at The Museum of Modern Art, where he also held the position of curator in the Department of Painting and Sculpture.

Dr. Elderfield has directed several major exhibitions since he joined the Museum in 1975, including KURT SCHWITTERS (1985), CONTRASTS OF FORM (1985), DRAWINGS OF HENRI MATISSE (1985), THE MODERN DRAWING (1983), NEW WORK ON PAPER (1981), THE MASTERWORKS OF EDVARD MUNCH (1979), MATISSE IN THE COLLECTION OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (1978-79), and THE WILD BEASTS: FAUVISM AND ITS AFFINITIES (1976). He is also the author of the catalogs for each of the exhibitions, as well as of another Museum publication, European Master Paintings from Swiss Collections.

In addition to his curatorial accomplishments, Dr. Elderfield has written extensively for many international art journals on subjects ranging from Cezanne to the American avant-garde. He has served as contributing editor to Artforum and Studio International for several years. His other publication credits include a catalog on Morris Louis, a critical introduction to Hugo Ball's The Flight Out of Time, and The Cut-Outs of Henri Matisse.

Born in Yorkshire, England, in 1943, John Elderfield is a graduate of the University of Leeds. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London. He held a Harkness Fellowship at Yale University from 1970 to 1972, and was a recipient of a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in 1973. From 1973 to 1975 he taught art history at the University of Leeds. He currently lives in New York City.