

The Museum of Modern Art

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OPENS ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

Beginning September 10, 1993, The Museum of Modern Art offers evening hours on Fridays as well as Thursdays, with pay-what-you-wish admissions from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on both nights. Friday nights feature a variety of special events and attractions, including a new program called *Conversations with Contemporary Artists*, and live jazz in The Garden Café. On both Thursday and Friday the Museum opens at 12:00 noon.

Conversations with Contemporary Artists provides an opportunity for intimate discussion with both emerging and established artists. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Museum's Edward John Noble Education Center, where the featured artist speaks about his or her work. Participants then move into the galleries to explore a theme of the artist's choice before returning to the Education Center for refreshments and informal discussion. Tickets are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Education Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of the talk. In addition to *Conversations with Contemporary Artists*, which is offered on Friday evenings only, gallery talks are held on both Thursday and Friday at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The first jazz ensemble to play on Friday nights in The Garden Café is The Hodge Podge Trio, which features early twentieth-century jazz, including tunes by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. The Hodge Podge Trio comprises guitar, soprano saxophone, and bass. The jazz groups change every month and

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play three forty-five minute sets, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments are available in The Garden Café, which also has a full bar, until 7:45 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday evenings. The Café's new menu offers Italian specialties, as well as sandwiches, hamburgers, and snacks.

The Museum's new Italian restaurant, Sette MoMA, is open every day except Wednesday from 5:00 until 11:30 p.m. Visitors may enjoy either a complete dinner in the elegant dining room, overlooking the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden, or lighter fare at the restaurant's cocktail bar. A pre- and post-theater menu is available from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and 10:00 to 11:30 p.m. Reservations are required at Sette MoMA; call 212/708-9710.

Museum hours for Saturday through Tuesday remain 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; the Museum is closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The MoMA Book Store remains open on Thursday and Friday evenings until 8:45 p.m., and Saturday through Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The MoMA Design Store is open daily 11:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Thursday until 8:45 p.m.

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