

The Museum of Modern Art

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THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AGNES GUND NAMED CHAIRMAN

Wednesday, November 10, 1993.....At today's meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Museum of Modern Art, at which the annual election of officers took place, Agnes Gund, who has served as Trustee of the Museum since 1976 and as its President since 1991, was elected Chairman. Ms. Gund succeeds David Rockefeller, who has served five consecutive one-year terms as Chairman, the maximum period allowed under the Museum's by-laws.

Mr. Rockefeller was elected a Life Trustee and Chairman Emeritus in honor of his extraordinary service to the Museum. He will continue to participate actively in the affairs of the Museum, now serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee and playing a leadership role in the Museum's upcoming capital campaign.

Commenting on the election of Ms. Gund, Mr. Rockefeller stated, "With her vision and passion for contemporary art and with the strength of her commitment to art education, Agnes Gund has for many years been a guiding force in the Museum's efforts to extend its services to a larger, more diverse public. The Museum has been extremely fortunate to have Agnes Gund as its President over these past two years, and I know I speak for the Board of Trustees in expressing our admiration and appreciation for her extraordinary service to this Museum for more than twenty years. I look forward to working with her during her tenure as Chairman at this important time, when the Museum is looking to expand its focus on contemporary art and to move resolutely into the

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twenty-first century."

As a Trustee, Agnes Gund served as Vice President of the Museum from 1988 to 1991, as Chairman of the Trustee Committee on Painting and Sculpture from 1989 to 1991, and as a Vice Chairman of the Committee on Painting and Sculpture from 1981 to 1989. A prominent collector of postwar art, she has also served on the Museum's International Council since 1967, on the Trustee Committee on Painting and Sculpture since 1973, and on the Trustee Committees on Drawings and Education.

Ms. Gund is the President and Founder of the Studio In A School Association, an artist-taught program of fine art for children in 110 elementary schools and ten alternative high schools in the five boroughs of New York City. In 1988 she received the Doris C. Freedman Award from the City of New York for her creation of the Studio In A School Association. Also in 1988, Ms. Gund and the Studio In A School received a New York State Governor's Arts Award for their significant contribution to the artistic life in the state. Among numerous board affiliations, Ms. Gund is a Trustee of Brown University and of the Andy Warhol Foundation. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, she received a B.A. degree at Connecticut College and an M.A. degree in art history at the Fogg Museum, Harvard University.

David Rockefeller, who was elected to the Museum's Board of Trustees in 1948, served as the Museum's Chairman from 1987 to 1993 and from 1962 to 1972, Vice Chairman from 1972 to 1987, and Chairman (pro tem) from 1958 to 1959. Retired since 1981 as Chairman of The Chase Manhattan Bank after a thirty-five year career there, Mr. Rockefeller continues to serve as Chairman of the bank's International Advisory Committee. He helped form the Chase Manhattan art

program and remains a member of the Chase Art Committee. Mr. Rockefeller was also Chairman of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, a grant-making organization founded in 1940, from 1980 to 1987, and Chairman of the Board of The Rockefeller University, New York, from 1950 to 1975. Born in 1915 in New York City, David Rockefeller is the youngest son of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, a founder of The Museum of Modern Art. He graduated from Harvard University in 1936, and after post-graduate study at Harvard and the London School of Economics, was awarded a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1940.

Other Board of Trustee officers elected at today's meeting are: Ronald S. Lauder, June Larkin, Donald B. Marron, and Richard E. Salomon, Vice Chairmen; and John Parkinson III, Treasurer. Gifford Phillips, a Vice Chairman since 1989, has been elected Life Trustee, as were Mrs. Henry Ives Cobb, Philip Johnson, and Mrs. Bertram Smith. Jo Carole Lauder has been made ex-officio Trustee during her term as President of the Museum's International Council.

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