

## THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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DINNERS GIVEN BY MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OFFICIALS PRECEDE

PRIVATE OPENING OF DALI AND MIRO EXHIBITIONS

A number of dinner parties will precede the private opening of the Dali and Miro exhibitions at the Museum of Modern Art, Tuesday evening, November 18.

In the ballroom of the Hotel Gotham Mr. Monroe Wheeler, Director of Exhibitions and Publications for the Museum, will give a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Dali and Mr. and Mrs. James Thrall Soby. The large retrospective exhibition of Dali's work which has been directed by Mr. Soby will open to the public Wednesday, November 19. At Mr. Wheeler's dinner party, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Dali and Mr. and Mrs. Soby, will be Miss Ruth Vanderbilt Twombly, Mrs. John Parkinson, Jr., Miss Edith Wetmore, Mrs. F. C. Lamont Robbins, Mrs. William T. Emmett, Mrs. William Astor Chanler, Miss Agnes Rindge, Mr. and Mrs. James H. van Alen, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Henry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirk Askew, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. A. Edward Austin, Jr., Mr. Henry McBride, The Duc di Verdura, Mr. Henry R. McIlhenny, Mr. Glenway Wescott, Mr. Henry-Russell Hitchcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. will give a dinner at their home, 49 East 96 Street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson Sweeney. Mr. Barr is Director of the Museum of Modern Art. Mr. Sweeney directed the exhibition of painting by Miro which will open to the public Wednesday, November 19. The artist, Joan Miro, unfortunately could not attend as he is at present living in Mallorca. Other guests at the dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vandercook, Mrs. Charles Loeser, and Mr. Leon Kochnitzky.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Warren, Jr. also will give a dinner preceding the private opening of the Dali and Miro exhibitions. Mrs. Warren is Vice-Chairman of the Museum's Membership Committee. Their guests will include Lady Cunard, Mr. William Odöm, <sup>Mr.</sup> Constantin Alajalov, Mrs. John Barry Ryan, Jr., Lady and Mr. von Hoffmanstall, Mr. and Mrs. William Crocker, and Mr. Alexander Hutchinson.

After the dinner parties the hosts and hostesses will take their guests to the private opening of the exhibitions which two or three thousand Museum members and guests are expected to attend.