

The Museum of Modern Art

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SUMMERGARDEN 1997 CONTINUES AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Programs for Friday and Saturday evenings, August 1, 2, and August 8, 9

The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden
Garden opens at 6:00 p.m. Concerts begin at 8:30 p.m.

SUMMERGARDEN, the annual series of free concerts in The Museum of Modern Art's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden, continues through August 30. The Sculpture Garden is open to the public Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 p.m. and concerts start at 8:30 p.m. This year's series, *The New Americans: A Century of Musical Innovation*, presents music by 46 composers of the twentieth century who immigrated to the United States from 26 different countries. A tradition since 1971, SUMMERGARDEN is made possible for the sixth year by a generous grant from the Everett B. Birch Foundation.

The program for August 1 and 2 features music for a variety of chamber ensembles. Vincent Plush's (Australia) *Florilegium III* and Qu Xiao-song's (China) *Ji #1-Still Valley* receive their New York premieres. Works by composers Shalamit Ran (Israel) and Zhou Long (China) will also be presented. Igor Stravinsky's (Russia) *Septet* closes the evening.

On August 8 and 9 the Magellan String Quartet performs *Double Canon Raoul Dufy in Memoriam* by Stravinsky, *Yiddishbbuk-Inscriptions for String Quartet* by

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Osvaldo Golijov (Argentina), *String Quartet No. 2* by Bernard Rands (England), *String Quartet* by Julián Orbón (Spain), and *Eight Colors for String Quartet* by Tan Dun (China). Tan Dun's opera, *Marco Polo*, will be presented by the New York City Opera this fall.

The concerts are performed by young artists and recent graduates of The Juilliard School of Music, under the direction of conductor and pianist Joel Sachs, who conceived the program. This is the eleventh year the Museum and Juilliard have collaborated on **SUMMERGARDEN**.

Entrance to **SUMMERGARDEN** is at 14 West 54 Street. Weekly program information is provided to the public and can be obtained by calling 212/708-9491.

Light refreshments and beverages from **Sette MoMA**, the Museum's restaurant, are available in the Sculpture Garden. Located on the Museum's second floor, Sette MoMA also offers dinner from 5:00 to 10:30 p.m.

The Museum galleries are open on Friday evenings until 8:30 p.m. and Saturday evenings until 6:00 p.m.

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