

THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CIRCUS OPENS AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Small children are again invited to attend the Children's Holiday Circus of Modern Art held in the Young People's Gallery of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, which will open Wednesday, December 5, and continue through January 6. This is the fifth consecutive year of the extremely popular festival held for children from four to eight years old and to which no adults are admitted.

The Circus will be the same in spirit and purpose as in other years. As usual it will consist of two galleries: one where children may see paintings especially chosen for them, touch the sculpture and play with modern toys; the other will be a workshop where they may paint, model or make collages and constructions as well as play with puzzles and games.

This year the Holiday Circus will be highlighted by a particularly delightful collection of paintings by American artists which have been selected for their appeal to young children because of their fantasy, color and imagination. All of the pictures are new to the Young People's Gallery and several are being shown for the first time. The paintings, carrying out the Circus spirit as their titles suggest, are Noah's Dream, The Farmer, and Cat's Dream by John Masteller; Intrigue, Sea Horses, and On Stage by Margaret Stark; The Aquarium and Little Girl's Wonderland by Mahum Tschacbasov; Birds at Sunset and Quartet by Chet La More; The Giraffe and The Gesture by Karl Priebe; Cat by Darrel Austin; Christmas Day by Carol Blanchard and The Farm and The Dance of the Rooster by Mario Carreño. In addition there will be some early American sculpture as well as modern sculpture and toys by Nelson Bartsch, Milton Elting Hebard, Alexander Calder, Eugenie Gershoy, Toni Hughes and Carl Walters.

The schedule of hours for the Circus--open only to children from 4 to 8 years--is as follows:

Monday through Saturday:	10 A.M. to 12 Noon
	2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Sundays:	2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
<u>Wednesdays are reserved for members' children only</u>	

Work sessions will begin on the hour and will close ten minutes before the next hour. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE; telephone the Educational Program, Circle 5-8900. Reservations may be made for the following hours: 10 A.M., 11 A.M., 2 P.M., 3 P.M., 4 P.M. Any child is admitted for only one session. Reservation cards will be held at the Museum Information Desk on the day for which they are requested and should be collected ten minutes before the hour. Museum admission for children is twelve cents at all times. NO ADULTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CIRCUS.