

The Museum of Modern Art

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MEMO FOR SCHEDULE

Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson will open the new galleries and enlarged Sculpture Garden of The Museum of Modern Art before an invited audience of 5,000 guests on Monday evening, May 25. The ceremonies will begin at 10:30 p.m. in the garden.

The 20-minute program will begin with a tribute by William A. M. Burden, President of the Museum, to artists to whom the evening is dedicated. A speech by Dr. Paul Tillich, Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, who had to cancel his appearance because of illness, will be read by Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

The new galleries and Sculpture Garden will be officially declared open when Mrs. Johnson, standing on the new Upper Terrace, turns on the fountains and lights the trees, sculpture and pools.

Immediately before the ceremonies (9:30-10:30 p.m.), about 800 artists represented in the Museum Collections will meet Mrs. Johnson at a reception on the Upper Terrace. A dinner for 400 donors, art patrons and Museum officials will be given in the new Garden Wing under the Terrace from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., preceded by cocktails on the Upper Terrace from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Museum, which has been closed since December, has more than doubled its exhibition space by adding two new wings and remodeling the main building, erected in 1939. The Sculpture Garden has been made a third larger. Philip Johnson Associates are architects for the building program.

Seven exhibitions opening simultaneously on the theme "Art in a Changing World: 1884-1964" include more than 550 paintings and sculptures, 400 architecture and design objects, 150 drawings and prints, and 170 photographs from the Museum's Collections, as well as a group of loan shows.

Tuesday, May 26 the Museum's 33,000 members will preview the exhibitions and new galleries. The public opening will be on Wednesday, May 27.

Guest list, text of speeches, additional information available from Elizabeth Shaw, Director, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 St. New York 19, N. Y. CI 5-8900.