

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART
730 5th Ave. at 57th St., New York City.
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At the end of its first year in the temporary galleries in the Heckscher Building the Museum of Modern Art is in possession of the nucleus of the important permanent collection which it is the aim of its sponsors to create.

3 oil paintings by leading contemporary Americans were given to the museum in the course of the year: a SEATED NUDE by Bernard Karfiol, the gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Treasurer of the Museum, PREPARATIONS by Kenneth Hayes Miller, the gift of Mr. A. Conger Goodyear, President of the Museum, and HOUSE BY THE RAILROAD by Edward Hopper, the gift of Mr. Stephen Clark, a trustee, along with a watercolor RAILROAD GANTRY by Charles Burchfield, also the gift of Mr. Clark.

7 pieces of sculpture by 4 of the outstanding sculptors of 20th Century Europe were given to the museum during the same period.

3 of these are works by Aristide Maillol, frequently mentioned as the greatest living sculptor, presented by the artist himself. These are: DESIRE, in plaster, the sculptor's most famous early relief, and 2 figures of women, SPRING and SUMMER, also in plaster, contrasting a slim, virginal figure with the richer curves of maturity. A fourth sculpture by Maillol, a bronze TORSO OF A YOUNG WOMAN, was given to the museum by Mr. A. Conger Goodyear.

A STANDING FIGURE of heroic size, in bronze, by Wilhelm Lehmbruck, who before his death in 1919, was the acknowledged master of sculpture in Germany, was given in March by Mr. Stephen C. Clark.

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recognized as of the highest order, is represented in the permanent collection of the Museum by a bronze head of MARIA IANI, the gift of Miss L.P.Bliss, of New York.

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