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ART WORK FROM THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF EGYPT will be on view in the exhibition gallery of The Art Center of The Museum of Modern Art at 4 West 54 Street from March 27 through April 29. The exhibition, fourth in a series of shows presenting works from art classes in different parts of the world, will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to The Art Center is free.

The show includes 21 crayon drawings and 32 photographs of clay work, collages, marionettes and textiles by children and young people from 7 to 18 years of age. The works represent experiments in art education which attempt to relate art work to the child's own experiences. The subjects derive from the children's daily environment and deal with home life, special events such as feast days and market days, stories from the Koran, and nature.

These experiments were carried out in the regular classes of the general public schools: elementary, preparatory (secondary) and teacher training schools, in Cairo under the supervision of Mahmoud El Bassiouny, Chairman of the Committee on Experimentation in Cairo.

The exhibition was organized at the suggestion of Victor D'Amico, Director of the Museum's Department of Education. He says, "Dr. Bassiouny is an outstanding art educator respected for his ideas and achievements both in his home country and abroad. He has changed Egyptian art teaching from rules and formulas imposed on the children to vital, creative experiences." Dr. Bassiouny has been involved in art teaching and art teacher training for the past fifteen years.

The exhibition is intended to inform parents and the general public about creative teaching methods used in other countries of the world. Previous exhibitions in The Art Center have presented art work by children in Japan, India and Hong Kong.

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