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MUSEUM GARDEN TO OPEN EVENINGS FREE OF CHARGE

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OFFICIAL OPENING MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 6 P. M.

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A tranquil oasis in the midst of Manhattan, the Sculpture Garden of The Museum of Modern Art will be open in the evenings free of charge for an experimental five-week period through the generosity of the Jean Naté Division of Lanvin-Charles of the Ritz, Inc. This will be the first time the Garden has been made available free to the public.

The Sculpture Garden will officially open free to the public on Monday, August 17, at 6 p. m. Mrs. John V. Lindsay and Dore Schary, Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, are expected to attend. Press and public are invited.

Starting Monday, the Garden will remain open free to the public Monday through Saturday from 6 to 10 p. m. through September 26, except for the two Thursdays in August when the Jazz in the Garden concerts are being presented (August 20 and 27). Access will be through the gates on West 54th Street.

The Museum Sculpture Garden, designed by Philip Johnson, with sculpture placed amid pools, fountains, flowers, and trees, is a popular mid-town gathering place for New Yorkers and tourists alike. Scattered throughout the three levels of the Garden is major sculpture from the Museum collection by such masters as Matisse, Calder, Rodin, Moore, and Picasso.

Through the courtesy of the Jean Naté Division of Lanvin-Charles of the Ritz, Inc., this now will be accessible to everyone. Although the five-week period is experimental, the Museum hopes it will be able to continue the program for a longer period of time, and is actively seeking the support of other corporations or individuals.

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