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EXHIBITION: THE MODERN DRAWING: 100 WORKS ON PAPER FROM THE MUSUEM OF MODERN ART

DATES: October 29, 1983 - January 3, 1984 The Museum of Modern Art, New York

DIRECTOR: John Elderfield, Director of the Department of Drawings

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THE MODERN DRAWING: 100 WORKS ON PAPER FROM THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART will survey the scope and character of the modern drawing from the Post-Impressionist masters of the 1880s to the generation of artists who achieved artistic maturity in the 1950s, as represented in this, one of the most important drawings collections in the world. Over 80 artists will be represented in the exhibition, including Brancusi, Cézanne, Dali, Ernst, Johns, Kandinsky, Klee, Matisse, Picasso, Pollock, and Van Gogh. The 100 works on view will all be drawn from the more than 6,000 objects in the Museum's drawings collection.

The Museum of Modern Art defines a drawing as a unique work of art on paper and includes in its drawings collection works in the traditional media--pencil, charcoal, and pen and ink--as well as those created in watercolor, pastel, papiers collés, and other related forms.

The works in this exhibition will suggest the range, character, and intent of the Museum's drawings collection. At the same time, they will present a historical survey of modern drawing that will include examples of all the major modern movements, among them Post-Impressionism, Fauvism, Cubism, Futurism, Constructivism, Expressionism, Dada and Surrealism, Abstract Expressionism and Post-Painterly Abstraction.

PUBLICATION: The Modern Drawing: 100 Works on Paper from The Museum of Modern Art by John Elderfield will be published and distributed by The Museum of Modern Art. The 216-page volume will present the first comprehensive study of works on paper by artists of the modern period and will contain 100 color plates. Hardcover, \$37.50; Paperback, \$16.50 (after January 3, 1984 \$18,50).

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