

# The Museum of Modern Art

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## THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART SETS MAY 17 OPENING DATE

Richard E. Oldenburg, Director of The Museum of Modern Art in New York, announced today that the Museum will open its greatly enlarged facilities to the public on Thursday, May 17. The opening, which will be preceded by a number of previews for members, will mark the completion of a four-year, \$55 million expansion program which has resulted in the doubling of the Museum's exhibition, library, and study center facilities as well as a number of new visitor amenities. Located at 11 West 53 Street, in the heart of Manhattan, The Museum of Modern Art, which is acknowledged to be the greatest repository of 20th century art in the world today, will present as its inaugural exhibition "An International Survey of Recent Painting and Sculpture." Included will be 150 works by 120 artists from 16 countries around the world. The Museum's unrivaled permanent collection, which encompasses painting, sculpture, drawings, prints, illustrated books, architecture, design, photography, and film, also will be reinstalled in its handsome new and renovated facilities.

"We are confident that the expanded Museum admirably fulfills our goals of providing substantially more space to display our collections and special exhibitions and to meet the needs of a growing public for Museum programs and services," stated Mr. Oldenburg.

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