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PAINEWEBBER GROUP INC. SPONSORS SUMMERGARDEN 1990 CONCERT SERIES AT THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Friday and Saturday evenings, July 6 to September 1, 6:00-10:00 p.m. The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden Concerts, 7:30 p.m.

SUMMERGARDEN returns to The Museum of Modern Art every Friday and Saturday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. from July 6 to September 1. This annual program is made possible for the first time by PaineWebber Group Inc. SUMMERGARDEN 1990 offers a free series of concerts devoted exclusively to the music of Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971).

The concerts, which begin at 7:30 p.m., are performed by young artists and recent graduates of The Juilliard School and, for the August 3 and 4 concerts, the Gregg Smith Singers. Under the artistic direction of conductor and violinist Paul Zukofsky, the 1990 program marks the fourth year the Museum has collaborated with Juilliard.

Richard E. Oldenburg, director of The Museum of Modern Art, stated, "Once again we take great pleasure in saluting PaineWebber Group Inc. for its support of our programs. In recent years PaineWebber has sponsored two major exhibitions at the Museum, FRANK STELLA: WORKS FROM 1970 TO 1987 and HENRI ROUSSEAU. It has now ensured that SUMMERGARDEN, a popular Museum tradition since 1971, will once again be part of the New York scene."

Donald B. Marron, chairman and chief executive officer of PaineWebber Group Inc. and president of the Museum, added, "PaineWebber is delighted to be - more -

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underwriting the SUMMERGARDEN series because it brings together our longstanding cultural commitments both to classical music and to the visual arts. We are particularly pleased to extend the reach of SUMMERGARDEN through the vehicle of our regularly scheduled radio program, *Traditions*, which is broadcast to audiences around the country."

Joseph W. Polisi, president of The Juilliard School, stated, "We are pleased to work with Richard Oldenburg and his colleagues at The Museum of Modern Art in creating a program which will enhance the artistic life of the city during the summer. This year's concert series has a close relationship to the artistic concepts which are so extraordinarily embodied in the Museum's programs."

The SUMMERGARDEN 1990 concert series features performances of fifty-four works by Stravinsky, spanning the years 1902-1966 (program enclosed). The opening concerts on July 6 and 7 present three works for two pianos: *Agon* (1957), *Sonata* (1944), and *The Rite of Spring* (1913). The pianists are Carol Conrad and Carol Janson Kechulius.

Considered one of the leading performers of American music in the United States, Paul Zukofsky has been the musical director of Juilliard's Twentieth-Century Ensemble since joining The Juilliard School faculty in 1984. A Juilliard graduate, he made his Carnegie Hall debut as a violinist in 1956 and has appeared in recitals and performances with major orchestras in the United States, Europe, Japan, and South America. He has recorded music ranging from J.S. Bach to Philip Glass. In 1988 Zukofsky joined Dennis Russell Davies and the American Composers Orchestra as soloist in the world premiere of Glass's *Violin Concerto*, which was dedicated to Zukofsky and Davies. Also in 1988 he conducted the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London in the first recording of - more -

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Artur Schnabel's *Symphony No. 2*. Recently, Zukofsky was made a Knight of the Icelandic Order of The Falcon, in recognition of his contribution to the cultural and musical heritage of Iceland.

This year, four of the SUMMERGARDEN concerts will be specially recorded at the Museum for broadcast on the Concert Music Network as part of PaineWebber's weekly radio program, *Traditions*, which is aired in over thirty major cities throughout the country. Consult local listings for details (New York affiliate is WNCN-FM).

Since 1971 SUMMERGARDEN has offered visitors an escape from the city in the heart of Manhattan. An oasis of trees, fountains, and reflecting pools, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden (release enclosed) is renowned for its setting of modern masterpieces by such artists as Matisse, Moore, Oldenburg, Picasso, Rodin--the perfect ambiance for a summer evening.

A special feature of SUMMERGARDEN is the Summer Café, offering light refreshments and cool beverages. Entrance to SUMMERGARDEN is at 14 West 54 Street.

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