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STINSON BEACH

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STINSON BEACH CALIFORNIA 94970

March 29, 173

Dear Mr. Barr:

It was a great joy to read in last week's New Yorker of the party given in your honor at the Museum of Modern Art (which I always think of as your museum). Years ago I met you through Allen Porter, and saw you sometimes when you visited Julien Levy's gallery at 15 West 57th Street, where, in 1938, I ran a small picture-framing shop. In the years between I have attained some success as a decorative designer, a poet, and a writer on art subjects, besides teaching four huge yearly classes in design at the Metropolitan Museum. But two years ago my wife (who is a professional weaver) and I retired to our home at a small beach town north of San Francisco, and this year I am remaining here and devoting my time to writing and gardening; last summer my wife had a radical operation for cancer and I don't wish to leave her.

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Truly yours with devotion

Bill Justema

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March 19, 1973

Dear Emay,

How very kind of you to have troubled to write me such a bright blue note. I'm sorry you couldn't come for the party because you would both have had fun seeing many old friends. I hope you are recovering from your tooth siege - such things can be so wearing, painful and expensive!

Perhaps we'll have the pleasure of seeing you when we begin again to go to Stockbridge in the spring.

Many thanks and love from us both.

Affectionately,

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March 19, 1973

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your kind note. I am so sorry that because of your bad knes you could not come to the Museum on the twelfth because you would have found many dear friends whom we rarely see. You were missed not only by us but by these others.

We are going to Greece for 10 days; when we return Marga will phone you hoping that you may be free when she is.

Affectionately,

Mrs. René d'Harnoncourt 333 Central Park West New York, New York

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April 11, 1973

Dear Jim: Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your letter and our apologies for not having answered you sooner - Marga and I have been in Crete for a brief vacation.

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I was interested in you and your wife going to Edinburgh. I real y hope it is possible for me to visit Scotland this summer. Perhaps we'll see you then. We are contemplating coming early in the summer.

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Mr. Jim de Kettles Yard Cambridge, England CB30AQ

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Mrs. Bernard Gimbel Chieftans Beach House 1435 South Ocean Blv. Palm Beach, Florida 33480

Dear Alva:

Thank you so much for wiring your congratulations. I would really have been delighted if you'd been there but I do believe you'll be amused to know that there were twenty-six (!) dinners before the celebration. Maybe too many!

Marga and I shall look forward to seeing you again when you return in April.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Bernard Gimbel Chieftans Beach House 1435 South Ocean Boulevatd Palm Beach, Florida 33480

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In any case, Margar and I are off to Crete tomorrow and we shall look forward to seeing you again when you return II in April.

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McDonald

March 19, 1973

Dear Jos,

I am deeply touched by your kind letter and hardly know how to thank you. I treasure your words and can only hope that others feel as generously as you do.

The assurance of your friendship is a great pleasure for me.

We received some time ago the
announcement of the exhibition of your
daughter Cynthia at Palm Springs. I
wish we could have seen it. I did not
know that she was a painter; I hope
that her show was a great success.

Marga joins me in warm greetings,

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph H. Hazen 1345 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019

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With enduring admiration and respect for what you have done for your generation and the generations to come, I am

Faithfully and respectfully yours,

Joseph H. Hazen

Mr. Alfred Barr 49 East 96th Street New York, N.Y. 10028

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JOSEPH H. HAZEN

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10019

(212) 581-5840

March 13, 1973

Dear Alfred:

Seldom, if ever, has a person had the great good fortune to see the breadth and depth of his vision come to full fruition. Such was your pleasure last evening. Every brick and stone of the Museum and its beautiful garden together with the staggering collection of the Museum's works of art bespeaks the taste, talent, vision and lifelong dedication of Alfred Barr and his disciples. Your leadership, intuition and inspiration has wraught a miracle where there was an esthetic wasteland. You have looked into the eyes and hearts of thousands of painters and chose those artists who saw the future and who miraculously articulated their vision in paint, in metal (shaped or cast) and in stone that speaks of today and eternity.

You are one of the greats of our time. You have developed American taste, appreciation and support for a form of art expression which has enriched and broadened your countrymen's vision of life and the world around them.

Our friendship goes back a long time and I always felt indebted to you for opening my eyes to a new world that was aborning. I never had the courage to tell you this before as I respected your extreme modesty and dislike for anyone saying that they were in your debt. However, you fortunately broke the ice for me last evening when you so unabashedly said how warmly you regarded me. With your words you opened the door for me to open my heart to you as I have in this letter.

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Mr. Ranald H. McDonald 1035 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10028

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April 30, 1973

Dear Ranald:

Many thanks for your kind note of March 24th.

I am really sorry to hear that you are not feeling as well as you should - a ruptured appendix can imply a long convalescence.

I have no way of knowing whether or not you were invited to the celebration of March 12th. In truth, neither I nor my wife were shown a list of those invited, though we insistently asked for it.

I am sorry that you were not there because it would have been good to have a chance to converse with you and to remember the period when you were so seriously and wisely involved in the affairs of the Museum.

With all good wishes and my best regards,

Sincerely,

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1973

Modern Museum Takes a New View

By JOHN CANADAY

For anyone who can remember its opening exhibition in 1929, it is hard to believe that the Museum of Modern Art is a hoary 44 years old. The realization comes more easily, however, during a visit to "The Painting and Sculpture Collection: ing and Sculpture Collection:
A New Perspective," which
opened to the public yesterday. The surprise shifts direction; it is no longer a matter of disbelieving the 44
years, but of wondering how
a collection of such quality
could have been assembled in so relatively short a time, even by an institution that had everything going for it, as the museum did for about three decades after its found-

"A New Perspective" is not an exhibition, but a rear-rangement of familiar paintrangement of familiar paintings and sculptures in what might best be called a "flexibly permanent" installation. There is virtually nothing here that hasn't been there to see on the second and third floors for years, but everything is so expertly organized and so beautifully mounted that the nature of the museum, and its true greatness, are clarified.

In 1929, the four painters included in the museum's opening exhibition—Cézanne, Seurat, Van Gogh and Gauguin—were still thought of in America as modern enough to need explanation and not

America as modern enough to need explanation and not fully comprehensible to a public that has now substi-tuted reproductions of their masterpieces for an earlier crop of clichés headed by "The Blueboy."

In 1929, also, a slender, ex-otically handsome 25-year-old named Salvador Dali held his first exhibition in Paris. A stubborn American named Grant Wood was gestating a painting called "American Gothic," which caused a sen-



The New York Times

Works on display at the Museum of Modern Art yesterday

sation the next year in Chicago. Picasso at that time seemed to have settled into a mood of graceful exuberance; the emotional explosion of "Guernica" was still eight years off.

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Beginning then, the museum's policy has been to explore, acquire, weed and
prune in a public-education
process still current and demonstrated on the first floor,
where work executed since
the mid-nineteen-fifties is exhibited. But the second and hibited. But the second and third floors are unquestion-ably old-master galleries, offering paintings and sculp-tures that can no longer be called masterpieces of modern art, but are simply mas-terpieces in a continuum that includes the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Over the years the Muse-um of Modern Art has per-force become two museums, and the division is made clear in "A New Perspec-tive." The old-masters branch into which the original mu-seum has matured is as-tounding — the greatest col-lection of its kind anywhere. And if this hardly comes as news. the installation shows news, the installation shows that the quality is even high-er than we had thought.

There are no tricks or dramatics. Key pictures are conspicuously placed but not enshrined, and both paintings and sculptures—sometimes in appropriate juxtapositions—seem exceptionally accessible, perhaps because the number of works on ex-hibition has been keyed to the size of the galleries, and partly because the average placement observes a center line somewhat below eye

line somewhat below eye level.

William S. Rubin, chief curator of the painting and sculpture collection, was in over-all charge of the installation. Alicia Legg, associate curator, was in main charge of the sculpture galleries. Alfred H. Barr Jr., the museum's first director and its continuing guiding spirit, in effect ing guiding spirit, in effect formed the collection and was on hand with sugges-

tions.
"Whenever there was a question he would suggest

question he would suggest something and it would be just right," Miss Legg said. The museum initiated "A New Perspective" Monday night with an invitational opening honoring Mr. Barr.

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March 19, 1973

61 Perry Street

Dear Loren and Lloyd,

Many thanks for your kind note.

I am so sorry that you were both sick and really hope that you have recovered by now. If you could have come on the twelfth you would have seen many old friends and I trust this would have provided some enjoyment for you. I was overwhelmed with handshakers and found it hard to express my gratitude to so many well-wishers.

Our warmest greatings to you both,

Affectionately,

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61 Perry Street New York N. 4. 10014 March 14, 1973 We want to add our voices to the swelling chows of tri butes paid to you Monday evening. We re gre that very much that we could not be there to catch at least a glimpse of you. But fluey (floory) bugged us both, and we choin't think that exactly an occasion for sharing you will have mountains of mail & cope with, so, although it is always a tremendous pleasure to Lear from you, just ignore this palute to an old and treasured frend. all our devoted love & you and Marga and Tory Lover and Lloyal

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March 19, 1973

Dear Rollie,

How very kind of you to trouble to write me a note for March 12th. It was a great assemblage of old Museum friends and perhaps you would have enjoyed seeing them; I know I did.

Thank you for heart warming words.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rosalie Thorne McKenna One Hancox Street Stonington, Connecticut 06378

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March 9, 1973

Dear Henry:

I am most grateful to you for your letter of February 19th and really touched that you should have troubled to write it in longhand.

I must tell you that neither I nor Marga were given a chance to see the list of persons invited for this celebration. It is embarassing to us that in a spirit of enthusiasm many friends seem to have been invited who could not conceivably attend. The idea of suggesting that you might cross the ocean for a thing like this seems to be indiscreet, to put it mildly.

We have heard so much about your exhibition up at the Belvedere in Florence; it must have been glorious in that setting and we both regret not having seen it.

I wonder what you are working on now? I constantly toy with the notion of going to Scotland which, alas, I have never seen despite my undiluted Scotlish descent. This would mean going through London so that perhaps we may hope to see you in the not too distant future.

Thank you for your undeserved yet heartwarming words. I treasure your letter.

Our best to you and Irina,

Ever yours,

Mr. Henry Moore Hoglands Perry Green Much Hadham Hertfordshire England

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Paley

March 19, 1973

Dear Bill,

I received several days ago the copy of Henry Moore's answer to your invitation for last Monday. How thoughtful of you to forward it. Henry had also found the time to write me directly a beautiful and all too flattering letter.

I want to thank you and Babe for the delightful dinner party; this celebration caused our most faithful Trustees so much planning and hard work. Although I was made the focus of it ruch encomium should go, as I know you understand, to Bill Rubin and his department.

I'm sure you join me in hoping that the whole evening may work out for the good of the Museum to which throughout these years you have given so much thought and precious time.

Our kindest regards to you both,

Sincerely,

Mr. William Paley 51 West 52 Street New York, New York 10019

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WILLIAM S. PALEY 51 WEST 52 STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019

Dear Alfred:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter I've received from Henry Moore which expresses some views that many of us share. I thought you would enjoy reading it.

My very best regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Alfred Barr, Jr. 49 East 96th Street New York, New York 10028

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Copy to WSF I am very sorry indeed that I shall be unable to come to the very important celebrations at the Museum of Modern Art on Monday 12th March.

Apart from not seeing the new installation of the Museum's permanent exhibition of Sculpture and Painting, I am terribly sorry not to be there for Alfred Barr's Formal Reception.

I love Alfred Barr very much and nobody can exaggerate the debt we all owe him, and so it is with great regret that it is just not possible for me to come.

(I am engaged on a large sculpture which I am behind with. My bronze founder must receive this sculpture for casting by the end of March or he cannot meet the deadline he has been given.)

My own debt to Alfred Barr, and to the Museum he made, is incalculable. He is a great man and has done enormous service for painting and sculpture throughout the world.

I am writing to Alfred today to convey these feelings of mine to him, and to apologise, for not being able to come to you dinner for him, nor for the Museum neception!

xc: Mr. Tourtellot 2/28/73

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yours sincerely
Henry Moore

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Rothschild

March 21, 1973

Dear Blanchette,

As always there are any reasons for thanking you. First, I must say that it was such a pleasure to see you that evening - what a lot of trouble it was for all the Trustees to have to pose for that photograph! And this when you had already gone through the ordeal of giving a dinner party.

Tory was truly honored to be invited by you and I have here a letter from my brother Andrew who was deeply touched by your telephone call inviting him and his wife. Your thoughtfulness is heartwarming.

Enough now of celebrations! I look forward to seeing you more peacefully soon.

Affectionately,

(Blanshette)Russeller

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March 19, 1973

Dear Nannette and Herbert,

Many thanks for your kind note. It would have been an awful hardship for you to come into town just for the evening of the twelfth and you shouldn't have given it a thought. It was a great pleasure for us to run into you at Marlborough and perhaps if you happen to be gallery-going again on a Saturday you'll give us a ring and come home with us for a drink. That would be delightful. I do hope for you that your Magda may come back, even for a short time.

Marga joins ma in warmest greetings to you both.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Rothschild Old Dam Farm 433 Arcady Road Ossining, New York 10562

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March 19, 1973

Dear Frank,

Just to tell you once more that I am delighted with your unsolicited gift; I look at it often. It seems close to Sabine Pass (1961) in the 1970 catalogue and your penciled note on the back of the canvas gives the same date.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mr. Frank Stella 17 Jones Street New York, New York

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March 19, 1973

Dear Dick,

How very kind of you to have troubled to write me such a heartwarming note.

I'm sorry to have missed you on the twelfth but a reception that started so small became too large and I could not hope to see all the friends who came, I hope, not so much for me but for the Museum. I'm delighted that you like the new hanging.

Many thanks again,

Sincerely,

Zaisler

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RICHARD S. ZEISLER

767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

March 15, 1973

Dear Alfred:

I was awfully sorry not to have seen you at the Museum on Monday night and to join in the throng who came to honor you. For some reason or other I did not know where you were.

But in any case, I do want to send you a warm word of congratulations on this great event. The extraordinary beauty of the newly-hung galleries is perfect witness to everything you have done.

Most cordially yours,

Mr. Alfred H. Barr, Jr. The Museum of Modern Art 11 West 53rd Street New York, New York 10019