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EXHIBITION **ART OF THE FORTIES**

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ORGANIZATION Riva Castleman, Deputy Director for Curatorial Affairs and Director of the Department of Prints and Illustrated Books, in consultation with the Departments of Painting and Sculpture, Drawings, Photography, Architecture and Design, and Film

CONTENT Featuring works in all mediums from the Museum's collection, this exhibition is a collaborative effort drawn from the resources of all six curatorial departments, documenting artistic production of the 1940s.

The decade of the 1940s was marked by great social, political, economic, and cultural changes felt throughout the world. World War II, perhaps the single most important influence on the history of art in this century, was responsible for transferring the art center of the world from Europe to America, partly as a result of the flight of European refugees, the lack of destruction in the United States, and the greater number of art objects available for purchase with dollars.

In the Museum's collection are works that document the transition, the early flourishing of American abstract painting, the recognition of Latin American art, and the artistic activity that persisted in Europe during and after the war. The exhibition is divided into sections that reflect the history, development of ideas, and evolution of imagery of the decade. (List of artists attached.)

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Artists in the Exhibition

Painting, Sculpture, Drawings, Prints

Josef Albers (American, b. Germany, 1888-1976)
Ivan Le Lorraine Albright (American, 1897-1983)
Francis Bacon (British, b. 1909)
Balthus (Baltusz Klossowski de Rola) (French, b. 1908)
Willi Baumeister (German, 1889-1955)
William Baziotis (American, 1912-1963)
Max Beckmann (German, 1884-1950)
Roloff Beny (Canadian, 1924-1984)
Louise Bourgeois (American, b. France, 1911)
Georges Braque (French, 1882-1963)
André Breton (French, 1896-1966)
Bernard Buffet (French, b. 1928)
Alexander Calder (American, 1898-1976)
Marc Chagall (French, 1887-1985)
Joseph Cornell (American, 1903-1972)
Francisco Dosamentes (Mexican, b. 1911)
Jean Dubuffet (French, 1901-1985)
Max Ernst (French, b. Germany, 1891-1976)
Philip Evergood (American, 1901-1973)
Jean Fautrier (French, 1898-1964)
Herbert Ferber (American, b. 1906)
Salvatore Fiume (Italian, b. 1915)
Lucio Fontana (Italian, b. Argentina, 1899-1968)
Lucian Freud (British, b. Germany, 1922)
Naum Gabo (American, b. Russia, 1890-1977)
A.E. Gallatin (American, 1881-1952)
Alberto Giacometti (Swiss, 1901-1966)
Jean Gorin (French, b. 1899)
Arshile Gorky (Vosdanig Manoog Adoian) (American, b. Armenia, 1904-1948)
Adolph Gottlieb (American, 1903-1974)
John D. Graham (Ivan Dombrowski) (American, b. Ukraine, 1881-1961)
Morris Graves (American, b. 1910)
David Hare (American, b. 1917)
Marsden Hartley (American, 1877-1943)
Hans Hartung (French, b. Germany, 1904-1981)
Stanley William Hayter (British, 1901-1988)
Morris Hirshfield (American, b. Russian Poland, 1872-1946)
Hans Hofmann (American, b. Germany, 1880-1966)
Edward Hopper (American, 1882-1967)
Ian Hugo (American, b. 1898)

Asger Jorn (Danish, 1914-1973)
 Frida Kahlo (Mexican, 1910-1954)
 Frederick J. Kiesler (American, born Romania, 1890-1965)
 Paul Klee (German, 1879-1940)
 Willem de Kooning (American, b. The Netherlands, 1904)
 Lee Krasner (American, 1908-1984)
 Wifredo Lam (Cuban, 1902-1982)
 Jacob Lawrence (American, b. 1917)
 Rico Lebrun (American, b. Italy, 1900-1964)
 Fernand Léger (French, 1881-1955)
 Jack Levine (American, b. 1915)
 Jacques Lipchitz (American, b. Lithuania, 1891-1973)
 Seymour Lipton (American, 1903-1986)
 Loren MacIver (American, b. 1909)
 Alfred Manessier (French, b. 1911)
 Boris Margo (American, b. Russia, 1902)
 Marino Marini (Italian, 1901-1980)
 André Masson (French, 1896-1987)
 Georges Mathieu (French, b. 1921)
 Henri Matisse (French, 1869-1954)
 Matta (Sebastian Antonio Matta Echaurren) (Chilean, b. 1911)
 Leopoldo Méndez (Mexican, 1902-1969)
 Knud Merrild (American, b. Denmark, 1894-1954)
 Joan Miró (Spanish, 1893-1983)
 László Moholy-Nagy (American, b. Hungary, 1895-1946)
 Piet Mondrian (Dutch, 1872-1944)
 Henry Moore (British, 1898-1986)
 Robert Motherwell (American, b. 1915)
 Barnett Newman (American, 1905-1970)
 José Clemente Orozco (Mexican, 1883-1949)
 Irene Rice Pereira (American, 1907-1971)
 Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973; to France 1904)
 Alton Pickens (American, b. 1917)
 Jackson Pollock (American, 1912-1956)
 Richard Pousette-Dart (American, b. 1916)
 Ad Reinhardt (American, 1916-1967)
 Theodore J. Roszak (American, b. Poland, 1907-1981)
 Mark Rothko (American, b. Latvia, 1903-1970)
 Charles Seliger (American, b. 1926)
 Kurt Seligmann (American, 1900-1962)
 Ben Shahn (American, born Lithuania, 1898-1969)
 Honoré Sharrer (American, b. 1920)
 David Alfaro Siqueiros (Mexican, 1896-1974)
 Mario Sironi (Italian, 1885-1961)
 David Smith (American, 1906-1965)
 Janet Sobel (American, b. Russia, 1894-1968)
 Pierre Soulages (French, b. 1919)
 Nicolas de Staël (French, b. Russia, 1914-1955)
 Theodoros Stamos (American, b. 1922)
 Clyfford Still (American, 1904-1980)
 Graham Sutherland (British, 1903-1980)
 Rufino Tamayo (Mexican, b. 1899)

- Yves Tanguy (American, b. France, 1900-1955)
- Pavel Tchelitchew (American, b. Russia, 1898-1957)
- Mark Tobey (American, 1890-1976)
- Bradley Walker Tomlin (American, 1899-1953)
- Joaquín Torres-García (Uruguayan, 1874-1949)
- Thomas Wilfred (American, b. Denmark, 1889-1968)
- Wols (Otto Alfred Wolfgang Schulze) (German, 1913-1951)
- Andrew Wyeth (American, b. 1917)

Photography

- Ansel Adams (American, 1902-1984)
- Edouard Boubat (French, b. 1923)
- Bill Brandt (British, 1904-1984)
- Harry Callahan (American, b. 1912)
- Henri Cartier-Bresson (French, b. 1908)
- Walker Evans (American, 1903-1975)
- Philippe Halsman (American, b. Latvia, 1906-1979)
- Yosuf Karsh (Canadian, b. Armenia, 1908)
- Dorothea Lange (American, 1895-1965)
- Clarence John Laughlin (American, b. 1905)
- Helen Levitt (American)
- Gjon Mili (American, b. Albania, 1904-1984)
- Barbara Morgan (American, b. 1900)
- Wright Morris (American, b. 1910)
- Arnold Newman (American, b. 1918)
- Irving Penn (American, b. 1917)
- Aaron Siskind (American, b. 1903)
- W. Eugene Smith (American, 1918-1978)
- Frederick Sommer (American, b. 1905)
- Paul Strand (American, 1890-1976)
- Weegee (Arthur Fellig) (American, b. Austria, 1899-1968)
- Edward Weston (American, 1886-1958)

Architecture and Design

- Otto Aicher (German, b. 1922)
- Victor Ancona (American, b. 1912)
- Barcalo Manufacturing Co. (American)
- Ruodi Barth (Swiss, b. 1921)
- Herbert Bayer (American, b. Austria, 1900-1985)
- Lester Beall (American, b. 1903)
- Fulvio Bianconi (Italian, b. 1915)
- Joseph Binder (American, b. Austria, 1898)
- Antonio Bonet (Spanish, 1913-1989)
- Fritz Bühler (Swiss, 1909-1963)
- Jean Carlu (French, b. 1900)
- Charles Eames (American, 1907-1978)

Pinin Farina (Italian, 1893-1966)
 Kaj Franck (Finnish, 1911-1989)
 Buckminster Fuller (American, 1895-1983)
 Abram Games (British, b. 1914)
 Glenn Grohe (American, b. 1912)
 Jorge Ferrari Hardoy (Argentinian, 1914-1977)
 Nathan George Horwitt (American, 1898-1990)
 Frederick J. Kiesler (American, b. Romania, 1890-1965)
 Karl Koehler (American, b. 1913)
 Charles Kuhn (Swiss, b. 1903)
 Juan Kurchan (Argentinian, 1913-1975)
 Leo Lionni (American, b. The Netherlands, 1910)
 Raymond Loewy Associates (American)
 Herbert Matter (American, b. Switzerland, 1907-1984)
 Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe (American, b. Germany, 1886-1969)
 Gertrud Natzler (American, b. Austria, 1908-1971)
 Otto Natzler (American, b. Austria, 1908)
 Marcello Nizzoli (Italian, 1887-1969)
 Isamu Noguchi (American, 1904-1988)
 Gunnel Nyman (Finnish, 1909-1948)
 Giovanni Pintori (Italian, b. 1912)
 James L. Prestini (American, b. 1908)
 Stefan Rath (Austrian, 1876-1960)
 Eero Saarinen (American, b. Finland, 1910-1961)
 Peter Schlumbohm (American, b. Germany, 1896-1962)
 Ben Shahn (American, b. Lithuania, 1898-1969)
 St. Regis Paper Co. (American)
 Earl S. Tupper (American, 1907-1983)
 Eva Zeisel (American, b. Hungary, 1906)

Film

Kenneth Anger (American, b. 1930)
 Claude Autant-Lara (French, b. 1903)
 James Broughton (American, b. 1912)
 Frank Capra (American, b. Sicily 1897)
 Marcel Carné (French, b. 1909)
 Henri Cartier-Bresson (French, b. 1908)
 René Clair (French, 1898-1981)
 René Clément (French, b. 1913)
 Henri-Georges Clouzot (French, 1907-1977)
 Jean Cocteau (French, 1889-1963)
 Luigi Comencini (Italian, b. 1916)
 Noël Coward (British, 1899-1973)
 Michael Curtiz (American, b. Hungary 1888-1962)
 Henri Decoin (French, 1896-1969)
 Vittorio De Sica (Italian, 1902-1974)
 Maya Deren (American, b. Ukraine 1917-1961)
 Carl Theodor Dreyer (Danish, 1889-1968)
 Sergei Eisenstein (Soviet, b. Latvia 1898-1948)

Emilio Fernandez (Mexican, 1904-1986)
Oskar Fischinger (American, b. Germany, 1904-1980)
Robert Flaherty (American, 1884-1951)
John Ford (American, 1895-1973)
Georges Franju (French, 1912-1987)
Robert Hamer (British, 1911-1963)
Fritz Hippler (German, b. 1909)
Alfred Hitchcock (American, b. Britain, 1899-1980)
Leo Hurwitz (American, b. 1909)
John Huston (American, 1906-1987)
Humphrey Jennings (British, 1907-1950)
Elia Kazan (American, b. Turkey 1909)
Fritz Lang (American b. Austria, 1890-1976)
David Lean (British, b. 1908)
Anatole Litvak (American, b. Ukraine 1902 - d. France 1974)
Ernst Lubitsch (American, b. Germany, 1892-1947)
Len Lye (American, b. New Zealand, 1901-1944)
Norman McLaren (Canadian, b. Scotland, 1939-1987)
Sidney Meyers (American, 1906-1969)
Vincente Minnelli (American, 1903-1986)
Kenji Mizoguchi (Japanese, 1898-1956)
Laurence Olivier (British, 1907-1989)
Max Ophuls (French, b. Germany, 1902-1957)
Yasujiro Ozu (Japanese, 1903-1963)
Sidney Peterson (American, b. 1905)
Michael Powell (British, 1905-1990)
Otto Preminger (American, b. Austria 1905)
Irving Rapper (American, b. Britain 1898)
Emeric Pressburger (British, b. Hungary 1902-1988)
Hans Richter (American, b. Germany, 1888-1976)
Roberto Rossellini (Italian, 1906-1977)
Frank Stauffacher (American, 1914-1955)
Paul Strand (American, 1890-1976)
Preston Sturges (American, 1898-1959)
Raoul Walsh (American, 1887-1980)
Orson Welles (American, 1915-1985)
Billy Wilder (American, b. Austria, 1906)
William Wyler (American, b. Alsace-Lorraine, 1902-1981)