

MoMA Announces "Sculpture Garden Mornings," Free Early Hours for The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden

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Beginning September 9, The Museum of Modern Art's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden will be open free of charge to the general public daily, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., allowing New Yorkers and visitors alike to start their day in one of the city's most beloved outdoor spaces. The public can enter the Sculpture Garden directly through the west gate on West 54 Street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Coffee and beverages will be available for purchase.

The new installation in the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden is *The Modern Monument*, which brings together diverse works organized around the theme of the modern monument. Included are Barnett Newman's *Broken Obelisk* (1967), which does not commemorate a specific event but, rather, serves as a symbolic monument for all people; and Pablo Picasso's *Monument* (1972), a memorial for the French poet Guillaume Apollinaire, who died of influenza at the end of World War I. These two works are joined by German artist Katharina Fritsch's *Figurengruppe/Group of Figures* (2006–08), which comprises nine boldly colored, life-size figures, among them St. Michael, a Madonna, a giant, and a snake. Favorites like Picasso's *She-Goat* (1950) and Joan Miró's *Moonbird* (1966) are shown alongside works by Alberto Giacometti, Henri Matisse, Mark di Suvero, Tony Smith, and others. Also on view, in conjunction with the recent exhibition *Claes Oldenburg: The Street and The Store*, is Oldenburg's *Geometric Mouse, Scale A* (1975), a large painted aluminum and steel sculpture of a mouse, whose form the artist based on both Mickey Mouse and a film camera.

The early morning hours in the Sculpture Garden will be in effect year-round, weather permitting. The Museum galleries open to the public daily at 10:30 a.m.

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Public Information:

The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, NY 10019, (212) 708-9400, MoMA.org.

Hours: Saturday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$25 adults; \$18 seniors, 65 years and over with I.D.; \$14 full-time students with current I.D. Free, members and children 16 and under. (Includes admittance to Museum galleries and film programs). Free admission during Uniqllo Free Friday Nights: Fridays, 4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

MoMA.org: No service charge for tickets ordered on MoMA.org. Tickets purchased online may be printed out and presented at the Museum without waiting in line. (Includes admittance to Museum galleries and film programs).

Film and After Hours Program Admission: \$12 adults; \$10 seniors, 65 years and over with I.D.; \$8 full-time students with current I.D. The price of an After Hours Program Admission ticket may be applied toward the price of a Museum admission ticket or MoMA Membership within 30 days.

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