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The Samuel H. Kress Foundation announces that the completion of the KRESS GIFT TO THE NATION, a gift unique in fine-arts philanthropy, will be celebrated in December 1961 with an exhibition at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

The exhibition will consist of a selection from more than 3,000 works of art which the Foundation, at a cost of over 50 million dollars, has acquired and distributed in the last two decades to twenty-one American museums.

In the development of its art project the Foundation has had three principal objectives: (1) to form at the National Gallery of Art in Washington a great Kress collection of paintings and sculpture which would enlarge and enrich our national treasure of art; (2) to bring Kress collections to other museums across the country; and (3) to provide study collections for a number of colleges and universities. A checklist of the recipient institutions in each category is attached.

The uniqueness of the Foundation's art project lies in its national scope. The Kress collection in Washington, which has proved to be a major factor in ranking our National Gallery of Art among the great national collections of the world, is permanently available to the millions who yearly visit the capital. And the Kress collections in other communities from New York to Hawaii, have spread the benefits of the gift to other millions throughout the United States. The works of art from the Kress Foundation are not hoarded in one place and none are kept in storerooms; they are made as widely available as possible.

The exhibition will open at the National Gallery of Art on December 10, 1961, and will remain on view for six weeks. It will include 90 paintings and a selection of drawings, sculpture, tapestries, porcelains, and furniture.

A comprehensive release will be issued in September, at which time photographs, color transparencies and color separations will be available. Also in September review copies of Art Treasures for the Nation, an anthology of the Kress collections, may be had on request.

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CHECKLIST OF INSTITUTIONS RECEIVING KRESS DONATIONS

|    | <u>CITY</u>              | <u>INSTITUTIONS</u>                    |
|----|--------------------------|--|
| I  | Washington, D. C.        | National Gallery of Art                |
| II | Allentown, Pennsylvania  | Allentown Art Museum                   |
|    | Atlanta, Georgia         | Atlanta Art Association                |
|    | Birmingham Alabama       | Birmingham Museum of Art               |
|    | Columbia, South Carolina | Columbia Museum of Art                 |
|    | Coral Gables, Florida    | The Joe and Emily Lowe Art Gallery     |
|    | Denver, Colorado         | Denver Art Museum                      |
|    | El Paso, Texas           | El Paso Museum of Art                  |
|    | Honolulu, Hawaii         | Honolulu Academy of Arts               |
|    | Houston, Texas           | Museum of Fine Arts of Houston         |
|    | Kansas City, Missouri    | William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art |
|    | Memphis, Tennessee       | Brooks Memorial Art Gallery            |
|    | New Orleans, Louisiana   | Isaac Delgado Museum of Art            |
|    | New York City, New York  | Metropolitan Museum of Art             |
|    | Philadelphia, Penna.     | Philadelphia Museum of Art             |
|    | Portland, Oregon         | Portland Art Museum                    |
|    | Raleigh, North Carolina  | North Carolina Museum of Art           |
|    | San Francisco, Calif.    | M. H. de Young Memorial Museum         |
|    | Seattle, Washington      | Seattle Art Museum                     |
|    | Tucson, Arizona          | University of Arizona                  |
|    | Tulsa, Oklahoma          | Philbrook Art Center                   |

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|     | <u>CITY</u>             | <u>INSTITUTION</u>                               |
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| III | Amherst, Mass.          | Amherst, College                                 |
|     | Athens, Georgia         | University of Georgia                            |
|     | Berea, Kentucky         | Berea College                                    |
|     | Bloomington, Indiana    | Indiana University                               |
|     | Bridgeport, Conn.       | Museum of Art, Science and Industry              |
|     | Brunswick, Maine        | Bowdoin College                                  |
|     | Claremont, California   | Pomona College                                   |
|     | Columbia, Missouri      | University of Missouri                           |
|     | Hartford, Connecticut   | Trinity College                                  |
|     | Lawrence, Kansas        | University of Kansas                             |
|     | Lewisburg, Pennsylvania | Bucknell University                              |
|     | Lincoln, Nebraska       | University of Nebraska                           |
|     | Madison, Wisconsin      | University of Wisconsin                          |
|     | Nashville, Tennessee    | George Peabody College for Teachers              |
|     | Northampton, Penna.     | Northampton Area Joint School Board              |
|     | Notre Dame, Indiana     | University of Notre Dame                         |
|     | Oberlin, Ohio           | Oberlin College                                  |
|     | Ponce, Puerto Rico      | Art Museum of Ponce                              |
|     | Staten Island, New York | Staten Island Institute for Arts<br>and Sciences |
|     | Tempe, Arizona          | Arizona State University                         |
|     | Waco, Texas             | Baylor University                                |
|     | Washington, D. C.       | Howard University                                |
|     | Williamstown, Mass.     | Williams College                                 |

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