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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART PLANS EXHIBITION  
FOR THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF  
WILLIAM BLAKE

WASHINGTON, July 8: David E. Finley, Director, announces that the National Gallery of Art is planning to hold a large Blake exhibition at the National Gallery of Art in 1957. William Blake was born in London in August, 1757. The year 1957 will mark the 200th anniversary of his birth. The last comprehensive Blake exhibition in this country was held in the Philadelphia Museum in 1939. Since that time a number of important books, drawings, and paintings have been acquired by American collectors and by the National Gallery of Art. It is the intention of the Gallery to make the Blake exhibition as representative as possible and to include some loans from England.

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