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SELECTION OF PICTURES COMMISSIONED BY U. S. INTERIOR

DEPARTMENT RECLAMATION BUREAU EXHIBITED AT NATIONAL GALLERY

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 20, 1972. A selection of paintings, watercolors and drawings chosen from more than 300 pictures commissioned by the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior will go on view Saturday, March 25, 1972, at the National Gallery of Art.

Under the title, "The American Artist and Water Reclamation," the exhibit will remain on view at the National Gallery through May 28. Beginning in the fall, a group of the pictures will be circulated throughout the country under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

A 27-minute color motion picture, dealing with Reclamation's effects on the environment, as seen through the vision of the artists participating in the Reclamation art program, will premiere in the National Gallery Auditorium on the March 25 opening day.

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Lloyd Goodrich, former director of the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, recommended the painters who were invited to participate in the program. Those who accepted then visited Reclamation projects in the western United States and recorded their visual impressions in their characteristic styles, ranging from super-realism to non-objective and abstract expression.

The selections shown at the National Gallery are pictures representative of Reclamation projects in nine western states.

(Checklist of paintings attached.)

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Pictures in National Gallery Exhibition of Bureau of Reclamation art collection, listed by states:

Reclamation Project

Title

Artist

Lamar Dodd

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WASHINGTON

Grand Coulee, Columbia Basin

The Excavation Grand Coulee Grand Coulee Spillway Grand Coulee Third Powerplant Grand Coulee, 1971 Inside The Turbine Sealing The Crevice Third Powerplant From the Batch Plant The Penstocks The Slots The Dam and The Hole Feeder Canal -- Coulee Dam Penstock Leaves Workman at Grand Coulee

William Gropper William Gropper Fletcher Martin Fletcher Martin Alfred McAdams Alfred McAdams Alfred McAdams Alfred McAdams James Dean

Ralston Crawford Ralston Crawford Anton Refregier

CALIFORNIA

Central Valley

Stampede
A Gate with Cast
Shadows
Shasta Dam
Judge F. Sees Primary
Forms
Irrigated Fields
Shasta Dam

Roland Petersen

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Roland Petersen John McCoy Billy Morrow Jackson

CALIFORNIA - OREGON

Klamath

Birds at Tule Lake Refuge John McCoy

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Reclamation Project

Title

Artist

CALIFORNIA - ARIZONA - NEVADA

Boulder Canyon

Lower Colorado #1 Lower Colorado #2 Lower Colorado #3 Birds At Topock Marsh Richard Diebenkorn Richard Diebenkorn Richard Diebenkorn Chen Chi

ARIZONA - NEVADA

Boulder Canyon

Hoover Dam

Kenneth Callahan

ARIZONA

Salt River

Arizona Landscape Dam--Arizona Kenneth Callahan Ethel Edwards

Carl Morris

Carl Morris

COLORADO

Colorado River Storage

Light, Rocks, Water
Trout Quartet
Trout Quintet
Morrow Point Dam From
Above
Morrow Point
Silver Jack
Lemon Dam

Carl Morris
William Palmer
Lamar Dodd
Lloyd Lozes Goff
Lloyd Lozes Goff
Jack Tworkov
Xavier Gonzalez

Colorado-Big Thompson

Fryingpan-Arkansas

The Wall
Olympus Dam
Big Thompson
Ruedi

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Xavier Gonzalez Mitchell Jamieson

NEW MEXICO

San Juan-Chama

Rio Grande

Near Chama #2
Three Drawings
Elephant Butte Lake
Elephant Butte #2
Elephant Butte #3

Herman Maril Herman Maril Peter Hurd Peter Hurd Peter Hurd

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| Reclamation Project | Title | Artist |
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| MONTANA | | |
| Hungry Horse | Hungry HorseThe Dam Hungry HorseThe | Michael Frary |
| | Reservoir Hungry HorseThe | Michael Frary |
| | Shoreline On Hungry Horse | Michael Frary |
| W-11 | Reservoir | Ethel Magafan |
| Yellowtail Unit, Missouri River Basin | Yellowtail Dam | Edward Laning |
| | Yellowtail Switchyard | Michael Frary |
| Sun River | Gibson Dam | Ethel Magafan |
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| <u>UTAH</u> | | |
| Colorado River Storage | Flaming Gorge | Dong Kingman |
| Central Utah | Green River Constructions at | Lee Weiss |
| | Soldiers Creek #1 | Joseph Hirsch |
| | Construction at Soldiers Creek #3 | Joseph Hirsch |
| Green River | Wilderness Stream | Mitchell Jamieson |
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| NEVADA | | |
| Truckee-Storage | In the Truckee Basin Rocks at Pyramid Lake | Arthur Hall Smith Fletcher Martin |