Institute of Arts turns 100 next year

In April, 1985, the Detroit Institute of Arts will begin a special yearlong celebration to honor its 100th anniversary.

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Among the highlights of the centennial year will be an enthibition exploring automotive design and fits impact on American art, a major international loan exhibition devoted to Italian Renaissance exculpture, an exhibition of works by contemporary plainter Romare Bearden and retrospectives of the works of Macican artist Diego Rivers and French plainter Francois Boucher.

During the centennial, the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) will also highlight its own colloction, one of the fineest and most comprehensive in the U.S., and tour special exhibitions based on its holdings infraughout the state of Michigan.

Joseph L. Rudson Jr., president of the Arts Commission of the city of Detroit which supervises the museum, said, "The yearlong centennial program provides the Detroit Institute of Arts with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the past 100 years and build excitement and momentum for the next 100.

The DIA's premiere centennial exhibition, "Automobile and Culture — Detroit Style," will open in June, 1985. This exhibition is made possible through the support of Time magazine. Walter B. Ford II, president, Founders Society Detroit Institute of Arts, said, "We are extremely gradified at the major commitment Time has made to our year of celebration. Their generous support will help guarantee that our centennial is truly a year of a chleve-ment and excellence.

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Ralph P. Davidson, chairman of Time Inc. and also chairman of the Business Committee for the Aris, sald, "We are enormously impressed with the extraordinary group of exhibitions and activities that the DIA has developed for the celebration of

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"We hope that many corporations throughout the country will assist with the funding of this unique and far-reaching endeavor. On behalf of my own corporation, Timo Inc., we are extremely pleased to participate in "The Celebration of Excellence through our sponsorship of the exhibition 'Automobile and Culture — Detroit Style as well as other projects which will be announced in the near future."

Founded in 1885, the Detroit Institute of Arts is the largest municipally owned museum in the U.S. Its permanent collection encompasses virtually every period of art and archaeology and major world cultures, and includes: The largest collection of German Expressionism in the U.S., the third largest collection of Renaissance works outside of Europe and the largest collection of Native American art in North America.

The Detroit Institute of Arts has recently co-organized 'Design in America: The Cranbrook Vision 1925-1950, which opened at The Metropolitan Museum of Art last April continuing to London and Helsinki.

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Other major DIA-organized exhibitions currently
tour include "Between Continents/Between
as: Pre-Columbian Art of Costa Rica," and "Trea-

res of Ancient Nigeria."
The DIA also houses a 1,200-scat auditorium-the-

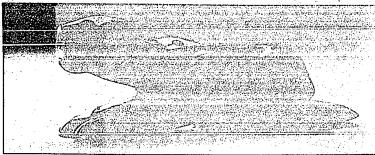


Among the works from the museum's Among the works from the museum's permanent collections to be highlighted during the centennial colebration will be Gudea of Legash (2141-2122 B.C.) of par-agonite. The Mesopotamian, neo-Sum-erian figure is just over 16-inches high and is considered to be a great treasure.

ater in which the Department of Performing Arts presents film, music and theater throughout the year.

The museum recently opened its new Albert and Peggy deSalle Gallery of Photography as well as the newly designed Asian gallerjes.

A new gallery devoted to Pre-Columbian art abso. is being planned. The DIA has a major 75,000-volume research library and houses an officer of the Arctives of American Art.



Panther effigy pipe from the Middle Woodland Period, 100-300 A.D., will be in the the contennial exhibition, "Masterworks from the Ancient American Woodlands.

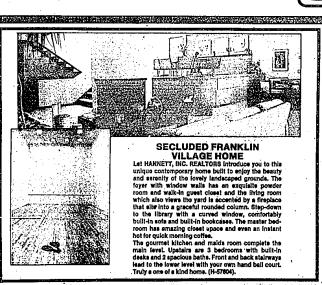


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