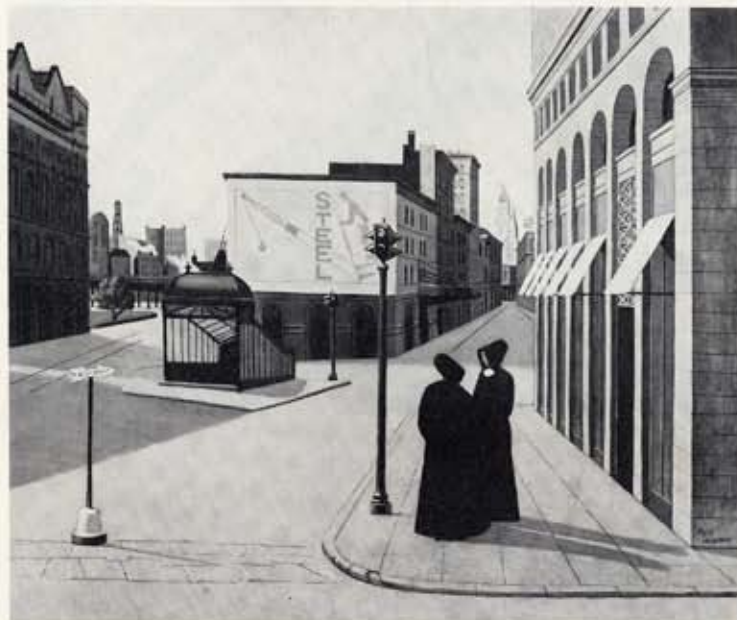


## High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center Opens February 24



Francis Criss, *Astor Place*, collection of The Whitney Museum of American Art.

The High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center opens to the public on Monday, February 24. With 12,000 square feet on three levels, this is one of the largest museum branches in the country and will be used for traveling exhibitions and to display selections from the Museum's permanent collection.

"This new branch will allow us to provide numerous advantages to downtown Atlanta and its visitors," says Museum director Gudmund Vigtel. "Primarily, it will enable us to showcase distinguished smaller traveling exhibitions and to regularly feature more of the main facility's permanent collection. Its convenient location and viewing hours in the major business district are attractive for those who wish to enjoy cultural entertainment during lunch hour or after

work."

Events planned for the opening include a preview open house for Museum members on February 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and February 23 from noon to 5 p.m.; a benefit party sponsored by Peachtree Arts on February 22; and formal opening day ceremonies for the public on February 24.

Opening exhibitions include *The Surreal City*, presenting views of urban life by eleven American painters, and *The Colonies and Young Republic*, the first in a series of exhibitions on American art organized from loans and the Museum's permanent collection. The High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center will also offer regular noontime programs of films, lectures, and gallery talks.

Though the glass-paneled



W. Ennis Parker, Lloyd Bray, Merrill Elam, and B. Mack Scogin of the firm Parker & Scogin, Architects, Inc., designers of the High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center, scheduled to open in February, 1986.

structure that will house the new Museum faces Houston Street, visitors enter from Peachtree Street through the main lobby of the Georgia-Pacific Center. The outside surface will be finished in African wood, and slate will cover the floors and ramp-style walkways. A mezzanine gallery overlooks five galleries, a lobby, offices, and a shop. Georgia-Pacific Corporation and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company have sponsored the renovation, designed by Parker and Scogin Architects, Inc. and built by Winter Construction Company. The Fulton County Arts Council will provide funding for the operating budget.

During the opening weeks of the new facility, coupons will be offered to all visitors who are not members. For a limited



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time, the coupons can be redeemed for one free admission to the High Museum with one paid admission, a ten percent discount at the Museum shop, and two extra months of membership for those joining during the first year the Georgia-Pacific

branch is open.

The High Museum at Georgia-Pacific Center will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and admission is free. Elizabeth Bacchetti is director. For more information, call 577-6940.