

July 17, 1940

Miss Laura Gilpin
Colorado Springs
Colorado

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Mr. Maloney has given me your name and asked me to write you, as he would especially like to have two of your pictures in an exhibit "of the work of some outstanding women photographers" to be held at Ohio State University on October 29 to 31. The purpose of the exhibit is to demonstrate what a creative and worth-while profession photography can be for women, one to which they seem to bring a special slant appreciated in the art, as well as commercial, fields. It is planned to limit the number but to have a representative group of the very best. Therefore, only twenty-five photographers have been invited.

- Looking through our files, we find several of your pictures which were submitted for the ANNUAL competition. As this competition is now nearing conclusion and these pictures have already been considered by Mr. Steichen, we wonder if you would be kind enough to allow us to chose two of these for the Ohio State University exhibit. We, of course, would take care of the mailing and return of the prints.

Two, which seem especially suitable, are the picture of Board Robinson and another titled "Child's Portrait." The former is a portrait of Mr. Robinson close up, with a drawing before him. His head is half turned to the front; his hand is holding the brush as if momentarily disturbed. The child's portrait is of a little blond girl on a stool. She has a simple white dress on which is slipping off her shoulder in the foreground. The corner of a book shows at the left.

We sincerely hope you will be able to cooperate with us and would appreciate hearing from you soon as to whether it would be possible for these two pictures to be exhibited. Enclosed is a card and stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Cordially,

M. E. Bradley

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