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METROPOLITAN MUSEUM EXHIBITS PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WORKSHOP AT THE WOMEN'S SHELTER

" . . . Because of an Emergency", an exhibition of 30 photographs by participants in a Metropolitan Museum of Art's First Fruits Program at the New York City Shelter Care Center for Women, will be on view in the Museum's 81st Street exhibition area from March 28 to April 30.

The Women's Shelter on Lafayette Street in lower Manhattan, part of the Department of Social Services of the City of New York, houses forty-seven homeless and indigent women. Many are the "shopping bag ladies" seen in New York's streets and parks; others are younger women who have run away from unhappy homes or institutions.

The Museum's First Fruits Program, sponsored by the Community Programs Department, provides artist-teachers to work with city agencies and community and Senior Citizens centers. Photographer Anne-Marie Rousseau has been working at the Women's Shelter since 1976 teaching the women to use Instamatic and 35-millimeter cameras to record life in the shelter and the surrounding neighborhood as well as some of the galleries of the Museum.

Text panels accompanying the photographs will include an explanation of the aims of the workshop and quotations from the participants.

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