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*A Figure of Influence: Lincoln Kirstein and American Art*

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Lincoln Kirstein (1907–1996) was an art insider with the imposing personality and ambitious projects to match his sizable six-foot, three-inch frame. Kirstein was involved in the early history of the Museum of Modern Art in New York and co-founded the New York City Ballet. Though he abandoned his own painting career, Kirstein directed considerable energy toward shaping the lives of artists and the art world. He organized exhibitions, wrote about art, and connected artists with collectors, museums, and private galleries. An avid collector himself, he eventually donated work by the artists he championed to several institutions, including The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

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**On Kirstein**

*By Kirstein*


Call No: N5220 K57 1986.

Inscribed: “For Larry [Lawrence Sickman]
with love from Lincoln: February 1987”


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