

The City of Monterey will loan two significant pieces from the City of Monterey's art collection to the Monterey Museum of Art today. The paintings, by Francis McComas are: Symphony of Historic Monterey (from Council Chambers) and Toledo Bridge (from the Library). They will be featured in the exhibit, [\*Francis McComas: Rediscovering California's First Modernist to open on January 21.\*](#) This is the first retrospective show of McComas' work since 1939 - and includes pieces from the Crocker, SFMOMA, CHOMP, galleries and private collections.

The exhibition catalog, by guest curator Robert Pierce is said to be stunning. The California History room collection - and Dennis Copland, retired City Historian in particular - were exceeding helpful to the research necessary to put the exhibit together.

We hope that you will get a chance to enjoy the show virtually when it opens.