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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today that five prominent figures in the art world--Commissioners of the Department's Arts and Crafts Board--will be among the guests at the invitational opening of an Indian art exhibit, Monday, May 11. The exhibit features the re-activating of the Department’s art gallery after nearly two decades.

The Board's Commissioners, all serving without pay, are Dr. Frederick J. Dockstader, chairman of the Board; Vincent Price; Rene D'Harnoncourt; Lloyd New Kiva; and Erich Kohlberg.

Vincent Price, well-known actor, is a recognized art authority. He holds membership on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, the Board of Archives on American Art, the Whitney Museum Friends of American Art, and the White House Committee on Painting. He is president of the Art Council of the University of California and has lectured on primitive and modern art, and on the Letters of Van Gogh.

Rene D'Harnoncourt has been associated with the Indian Arts and Crafts Board since 1936, as general manager from 1937 to 1944, and as chairman of the Board for 17 years. A native of Vienna, Austria, he is Director of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and vice president of the Museum of Primitive Art.

Lloyd New Kiva, a Cherokee Indian, is Director of Arts at the Santa Fe Institute of American Indian Arts in New Mexico, a school operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior. He is a prominent designer of textiles.