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Soyer Donating Graphics To the Hirshhorn Museum

WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP) — Raphael Soyer of New York, the 81-year-old painter and printmaker, is giving a complete collection of his graphics to the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.

Mr. Soyer's 191 etchings, lithographs and drypoints will join 28 of his paintings and watercolors at the museum that were donated by Joseph H. Hirshhorn, long a collector of the artist's work. A combined exhibition is planned for next year.

Mr. Soyer is still active at painting and drawing his favorite subjects, his New York neighbors, friends and fellow artists. The earliest print in his gift is an etching of his father, made in 1917 when Mr. Soyer was a teen-ager, and a street scene of embracing lovers done this year.

The artist dedicated his gift to Hirshhorn and to the museum's director, Abram Lerner, an old friend.