



THE YEAR IN QUESTION **1947**

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

India and Pakistan gain independence, Hungary is taken over by Communist politicians; anti-Communist Senator Joseph McCarthy begins chairing the House Un-American Activities Committee, the National Security Act is passed, and the CIA established by President Truman; Secretary of State George Marshall proposes massive financial aid to Europe; Trieste is declared a Free City State by the UN; the Kon-Tiki makes safe landing in the Polynesian islands, while the ship Exodus, filled with holocaust survivors is denied port in Palestine; first zoom lens and first polaroid camera tested, and the word 'computer' is first used; the heroic modernist work of Mies van der Rohe and Marcel Breuer brings simplicity and order to architecture; William Dawson, John Lee, Percival Prattis and Jackie Robinson break colour lines and Billie Holiday is arrested in her apartment for possession of drugs; Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* and Tennessee Williams' *Streetcar Named Desire* premiere; Jackson Pollock's first paintings drip; 'New Look' fashion turns housewives on their ears; Philip Larkin's *A Girl in Winter* and WH Auden's *Age of Anxiety*, Evelyn Waugh's *The Loved One* and Malcolm Lowry's masterpiece *Under the Volcano* published; Stravinsky's *Petrushka*, Duruflé's *Requiem*, and William Walton's String Quartet in A Minor performed; the voices of Frankie Laine, Frank Sinatra and the Andrews Sisters croon; the musicals *Oklahoma* and *Brigadoon* delight.

All *Culture in Question* lectures take place in the Art Workers Guild, Bloomsbury. Please join us for coffee at 10.30 (optional), the lecture at 11, and a light lunch with wine served at 1pm. The event ends by 3.30 p.m. Cost: £85 INSCAPE members, £95 non-members. First time guests are welcome at no cost.