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Employees Hire Local Artist

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Employees of a large department store in New York have called on Washington artist Mrs. Elizabeth Kormendy to help them celebrate a birthday.

Having traveled throughout Europe exhibiting her sculptures and mosaics in galleries and museums, she left for New York a few days ago with a large package wrapped for the occasion.

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churches, bas relief stations-of-the-cross at Boystown, Nebr., and her famous carved statute of Saint Francis.

Her late husband, Eugene Kormendy, was an internationally known artist who served for 18 years as Sculptor in Residence at Notre Dame University, Abstracts, oils and other art objects depicting the versatility of this famous couple fill her home on Upton street.

It was during a visit there that a Macy's employe "discovered" Mrs. Kormendy's work.

Returning to New York she spread the word among her co-workers and as a result it was the union membership and not the officers that decided to commission the Hungarian born Mrs. Kormendy to do a plaque for their store's union.

"I love art of all kinds," said Mrs. Kormendy who had just six weeks to complete the work in addition to her duties

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