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Martin Birnbaum

Prominent American Art Dealer

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP)—
Martin Birnbaum, an interna-
tionally famous art dealer,
died here Thursday. He was
92. 97

Mr. Birnbaum played an in-
fluential role in art develop-
ment in the United States and
Europe from 1910 into the
1940s.

He gave sculptor Paul Man-
ship his first showing, and
helped introduce such artists
as Kathe Kowitz, Kandinsky,
Bakst and Jacovleff to the
United States.

Mr. Birnbaum helped Gren-
ville Winthrop, a Massachu-
setts art lover, assemble a
collection of the paintings and
drawings of Jean Auguste
Dominique Ingres. This collec-
tion, along with other works,
was given to Harvard Univer-
sity's Fogg Museum and is
now one of the pillars of its
reputation.

In 1934, Mr. Birnbaum was
appointed commissioner of the
American pavilion at the Ven-
ice Biennale, and two years
later helped organize a por-
trait exhibition of 19th cen-
tury artists there.

He lived in Venice from
1936 to the outbreak of World
War II and traveled in the
company of princesses, count-
esses, millionaires and artists.

Mr. Birnbaum was born in
Hungary and at the age of five
came to the United States
with his family.

He attended City College of
New York, became an accom-
plished violinist, and later ob-
tained a law degree from Col-
umbia University.

Before retiring as an active
art dealer in 1926, Mr. Birn-
baum traveled extensively in
the Far East and wrote two
books about his experiences.

