

# NATURA MORTA

STILL-LIFE PAINTING  
AND THE MEDICI COLLECTIONS



CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART

AUGUST 25 – OCTOBER 21, 2007

BRITTINGHAM GALLERIES VI AND VII



Chazen Museum of Art

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WEALTH, POWER, AND CULTURAL DOMINANCE – the Medici had it all. For three centuries they ruled, shaped tastes, and set trends in banking, politics, religion, humanist ideas, art, architecture, and science. With their influence the Florentine republic thrived, and the Renaissance was born.

*Natura Morta: Still-Life Painting and the Medici Collections* offers a slice of Medici life. Entrepreneurs and patrons of the arts and sciences, they began collecting still lifes to decorate their country villas, and their eclectic tastes influenced a genre that shaped studies in nature, botany, and agriculture along with artistic practice in light, form, color, composition, and realism.

A MEDICI  
MASQUERADE

OCTOBER 19, 2007

A SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR THE  
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*Hear ye! Come to*  
A MEDICI MASQUERADE

SPECIAL BENEFIT EVENT FOR THE CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART

celebrating the exhibition

*Natura Morta: Still-Life Painting and the Medici Collections*

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6 TO 8 PM

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Experience an evening at the Medici Court! Mingle and carouse with fellow art lovers. Enjoy dancing by the ladies and gents from Courtly Cadenza.

Eat, drink and make merriment.

MEMBERS: \$100

*Advance reservations required by Oct. 8*

NONMEMBERS: \$125

*All proceeds benefit the Chazen Museum of Art*



Fine garments and masks are encouraged (but not required; masks will be available for sale in the Museum Shop). Hors d'oeuvres, music and entertainment, cash bar.

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