

"Natura Morta: Still-Life Painting and the Medici Collections, an Introduction"

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Gail L. Geiger, professor and chair, Department of Art History

September 12, 2007

From 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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Gallery hours extended until 7:00 p.m.

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Gallery talk by James Nienhuis, professor of Horticulture

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Third Floor, Gallery VII and VI

"The Art of Still Life: Old Europe Meets Wisconsin Today"

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A family-friendly tour and drawing activity

October 13, 2007

From 12:45 PM to 2:15 PM

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Third Floor, Brittingham Gallery VII

Medici Masquerade benefit event

Reception

Related to "Natura Morta: Still-Life Paintings and the Medici Collections"

Entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar

Reservations required

October 19, 2007

From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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Cost: members \$100 per person; nonmembers \$125 per



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A Medici Masquerade—a benefit event celebrating the exhibition *Natura Morta: Still Life Painting and the Medici Collections*.

Friday October 19, 6 to 8 p.m.
Chazen Paige Court and galleries

Experience an evening at the Medici Court! Mingle and carouse at this can't-miss event. Enjoy dancing by the ladies and gents of Courty Cadenza. Fine garments and masks encouraged (but not required). Festive music, dancing, and entertainment, delicious hors d'oeuvres by Lombardino's Italian Restaurant and Bar, and a cash bar.

Masks may be purchased during the evening in the Museum Shop.

Cost

Chazen Museum Members: \$100 per person
(4 people per member household may attend at \$100 each)

Nonmembers: \$125 per person

Make your reservations today. Space is limited! Please reserve your place by October 8, 2007.

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About the exhibition

Wealth, power, and cultural dominance—the Medici had it all. For two centuries they ruled, made taste, 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. They began collecting still lifes to decorate their country villas, and their eclectic tastes influenced a genre that shaped scientific studies in nature, botany, and agriculture along with artistic practice in light, form, color, composition, and realism.

Exhibition on view in Brittingham Galleries VI and VII August 25–October 21, 2007

Natura Morta: Still-Life Painting and the Medici Collections is organized by Contemporanea Progetti, Florence, Italy in collaboration with the Trust for Museum Exhibitions, Washington, D.C.

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