

Artisans & Kings

Selected Treasures from the Louvre

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Exhibition Extras

Demonstration Program

All activities take place within the exhibition and are included with exhibition ticket.

As part of the Denver Art Museum's continued focus on innovative educational programming, the *Artisans & Kings* exhibition will feature working ceramic artists, gilders, weavers and marqueters in a stage-like demonstration area. Visitors are invited to watch these tradesmen as they work with many of the 17th century craftsmanship techniques that were used to create the elaborate objects on view. The exhibition will also feature instructional photographs, period drawings, hands-on materials, and step-by-step illustrations that explore the artisans and artistry behind the royal collections.

Special Events

Early Opening for Denver Arts Week

Friday, October 5

On Friday, October 5, from 5-10 p.m., the Denver Art Museum will kick off Denver Arts Week by opening *Artisans & Kings* one night early. To coincide with Denver Arts Week and the "Super First Fridays Art Walk," the Museum will also offer French-themed performances by other Denver-area cultural organizations on both Friday evening and Saturday, October 6. During Denver Arts Week, metro-area residents are encouraged to become tourists in their own town as art districts, galleries, theaters, museums and other area attractions go above and beyond to offer interactive events, special programming, festive receptions and more. For more information on Denver Art Week, visit www.denverartsweek.com. Tickets for the Friday, October 5, early opening of *Artisans & Kings* go on sale September 14 (September 7 for members). Advance purchase is recommended.

France in a Time of Kings: Denver Art Museum Cinema's Fall 2007 Film Series

Fridays, September 14-October 26, 7 p.m., Sharp Auditorium, Hamilton Building

Presented in conjunction with *Artisans & Kings*, the Denver Art Museum Cinema's fall film series provides an armchair look back at French history in the best and worst of times. Hosted by film curator Thomas Delapa, these seven films draw on history, literature, French cinema and Hollywood, and focus on crowning moments that helped shape French character during a time when kings were thought to be divine. The series opens with a restored 35mm print of the rarely-seen epic masterpiece *Children of Paradise*.

Schedule (subject to change):

- September 14 – ***Children of Paradise*** (1945)
- September 21 – ***The Return of Martin Guerre*** (1982)
- September 28 – ***Ridicule*** (1996) – Rated R
- October 5 – ***Vatel*** (2000) – Rated PG-13
- October 12 – ***Queen Margot*** (1994) – Rated R
- October 19 – ***Dangerous Liaisons*** (1988) – Rated R
- October 26 – ***Camille*** (1936)

Single ticket prices are \$7 for Museum members, seniors and students and \$8 for others. Series tickets are \$40 for Museum members, seniors and students and \$45 for others. Advance purchase of tickets is recommended. (Series tickets will go on sale in mid-August.) For more information, call 720-913-0105.

Teacher Night at *Artisans & Kings*

Friday, October 12, 4-8 p.m.

A chance for teachers to see *Artisans & Kings* at no charge. Light refreshments, giveaways, and audio tours available. No advance registration necessary; teacher identification required. Timed tickets can be picked up in Schlessman Hall of the North Building beginning at 4 p.m.

Untitled #9 (Deluxe)

Final-Friday event, October 26, 6-10 p.m.

Included in general Museum admission; students receive two-for-one tickets with valid I.D.

This month's version of *Untitled* will feature a Louis-esque theme. Get dressed up as if you were going to a masquerade, try contacting the kings via a ouija board, participate in unique tours and other events in the galleries, and wash it all down with some wine and cheese.

Life Meets Art Adult Courses and Programs

To register or for more information, please call 720-913-0051 or visit www.denverartmuseum.org.

Create Workshops

Themes for each evening are drawn from *Artisans & Kings: Selected Treasures from the Louvre*. \$35 per class (\$30 Museum members/students). Classes will be located in the studio and classroom on the lower level of the North Building.

- ◆ **Necessaire Moderne** with *Sonnet Hanson*
Saturday, October 27, 3-5 p.m.
- ◆ **Ceramics Workshop** with *Molly Hatch*
Saturday, November 17, 3-5 p.m.
- ◆ **Marquetry** with *Rich Gady*
Saturday, December 1, 3-5 p.m.

Courses

Louis³: Artists, Kings, and Splendid Things! with *Giulia Bernardini*

Saturdays, November 10 & 24 & December 1 & 8, 3-4:30 p.m. \$75 (\$65 Museum members/students)

Learn how France became the world's tastemaker when Louis XIV created luxury trade to boost his kingdom's faltering economy. From silk stockings to champagne, big hair to fine furniture, all were part of the Sun King's plan for a financially fitter kingdom.

French for Museums with *Jean-François Duclos, executive director, Alliance Française de Denver*

Wednesdays, 6:30–8 p.m., November 14, 21 & 28 and December 5 & 12. \$95 (\$85 Museum members/college students)

Dip into the language of the Louvre. Spend five evenings in the galleries with Jean-François Duclos and linger over masterpieces while picking up some basic French conversational skills. Leave ready to describe your favorite paintings from Matisse and Monet, express what you adore and abhor in works of art, and put your newly acquired French art-speak to use next time you roam the halls of the Louvre.

The Conversation Lounge

Wednesday nights in the Duncan Pavilion (unless otherwise noted).

Each event: \$12 (\$10 Museum members/students). Students must show valid student ID at the door.

Series subscription: \$48 (\$40 Museum members/students).

Explore the lifestyle of kings with various individuals whose expertise and passion for all things sensuous is contagious.

- ◆ **Eau de Toilette** with *perfumer Dawn Spencer Hurwitz*
Wednesday, October 17, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

- ◆ **Music at Versailles** *with concert pianist Hsing-ay*
Wednesday, October 24, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **The Gardens of Versailles** *with professor of landscape architecture Ann Komara*
Wednesday, November 7, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Hamilton El Pomar Grand Atrium
- ◆ **The Bubbly** *with frommager and sommelier Elizabeth Woessner*
Wednesday, November 28, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Deluxe Fabrics and Feels** *with University of Colorado senior instructor of costume technology Ted Stark*
Wednesday, December 5, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Lectures

Marie Antoinette: Queen of Fashion, *with author Caroline Weber*

Friday, November 9, 7 p.m., \$10 Museum members, \$12 others

Caroline Weber, author of *Queen of Fashion: What Marie Antoinette Wore to the Revolution*, delves into the fashion that was both the source of the queen's power and her fatal flaw.

Louis XIV: Creating a French Style, *with author Joan DeJean*

Friday, November 16, 7 p.m.; \$10 Museum members, \$12 others

Joan DeJean is one of the foremost authorities on 17th-century French culture. Travel with her back to the birth of haute cuisine, the appearance of celebrity hairdressers, chic cafés, nightlife, and fashion in elegant dress—a time when Paris was the magical center and the destination of travelers across Europe.

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