

Book of Hours made for Charles VIII of France offered online by *Les Enluminures*

This small-scale book of hours, below, was made c.1490-93 for Charles VIII of France. Containing 12 full-page and 10 small miniatures by the Master of the Chronique scandaleuse, it is offered by Les Enluminures for \$575,000 as part of its online initiative: a Books of Hours online update to be sent out biannually.



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It will feature the dealership's current stock books of hours for purchase by collectors, libraries and museums, and the business is also offering free Skype tutorials for prospective clients.

While the list is meant to be a long-running initiative, Les Enluminures is also running a bit of short-term entertainment for its clients with a regular email called *30 Days of Digital Delights*.

Written by staff members, each of these covers a different topic, such as medieval materials used for making manuscripts, anecdotes about medieval hygiene or recommendations for 'medieval movies' (the latest of these is the 2010 animated film *The Secret of Kells* which sources imagery directly from the 9th century Book of Kells).

"We wanted to stay in touch in a light and amusing way, still occasionally highlighting our inventory," said Sandra Hindman, founder and president of the dealership. "The response to *Digital Delights* has been overwhelmingly positive. We've heard from many, many people on our large database thanking us for our unusual initiatives during this strange time.

“Nothing has sold directly from *Digital Delights* but we have continued other initiatives during the same period [on books of hours and text manuscripts] and both genres have sold remarkably well, all things considered.”

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