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LES ENLUMINURES SELLS A 1,000 YEAR-OLD BIBLE TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LUXEMBOURG FOR 4.5 MILLION EUROS.



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THE GIANT BIBLE OF S. T. MAXIMIN OF TRIER, in Latin, illuminated manuscript on parchment [Rhineland, Trier, c. 1080]

Les Enluminures is proud to announce its sale of the thousand-year-old Giant Bible of St. Maximin to the National Library of Luxembourg for 4.5 million Euros. Always in private hands, this is the last manuscript from the School of Echternach available on the market, as the Head of Manuscripts at the library states: "It is a building block of European culture that found its way to our home." Echternach Abbey located in the southeastern corner of modern-day Luxembourg was one of the most important scriptoria of Carolingian and Ottonian times, in close relationship with St. Maximin in Trier, which produced the Bible.

Weighing 55 pounds and made from the skins of over 200 cattle, **this enormous manuscript is illuminated with title pages and numerous beautiful initials.** Long in private hands, it complements the National Library's holdings of the School of Echternach and will be on view there from December 2024 to March 2025. **Founder and CEO Sandra Hindman says:** "Les Enluminures is honored to continue to play a role in the repatriation of objects of cultural value to their origins, as its sale of the thousand-year-old Liesborn Gospels through the German government to the city of Liesborn in 2017 and now this sale to the National Library of Luxembourg. We are never happier than when our manuscripts go 'home'. **When the owner approached me with a desire to sell, I immediately thought of Luxembourg.**"



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