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Medieval Miniatures of Sandra Hindman at the Art Institute of Chicago

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Masters of Zweder van Culembourg. *Nehemiah before King Artaxerxes*, initial 'C' from a Bible, c. 1430 (Gift of Sandra Hindman)

The Art Institute of Chicago will soon be hosting an exhibition of works titled "The Medieval World at Our Fingertips: Manuscript Illuminations from the Collection of Sandra Hindman."

The show features a collection of a collection of manuscript illuminations. These illuminations span a four hundred years of the Middle Ages and early Renaissance from countries all over Western Europe. Even though they are tiny in scale, these works give us an insight into medieval Europe offering a direct link to daily life and art from the period. Medieval manuscript scholar and the founder of Les Enluminures Sandra Hindman assembled this broad-ranging collection throughout her career and has generously given one-third of the miniatures on display to the museum. This gift represents a renewed commitment to the ongoing study and presentation of Medieval and Renaissance art in the museum.

The installation is set such that the works on display are in and among the Art Institute's permanent collection in context with paintings and sculptures of the period. "The Medieval World at Our Fingertips: Manuscript Illuminations from the Collection of Sandra Hindman" looks at a broad range of subject matter and use. Exhibition co-curator Martha Wolff, Eleanor Wood Prince Curator of European Painting and Sculpture Before 1750, states, "The wonderful miniatures in this collection offer visitors an exciting range of materials through which they can explore art and life from the austere and elegant spirituality of the Romanesque period to a new engagement with the natural world in the early Renaissance."

"The Medieval World at Our Fingertips: Manuscript Illuminations from the Collection of Sandra Hindman" runs from January 27 through May 28, 2018, the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60603, USA.

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