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Winter, but Whither Antiques?

It's official. The 65th anniversary fair of arts, design and antiques at the Park Avenue Armory has a new name — and there's a lot more to see than brown furniture.



Les Enluminures is offering a showstopping volume of the medieval French epic “Le Roman de Troie,” produced for the dukes of Burgundy in the mid-15th century.
via Les Enluminures

Dealers in rare books and maps also have a prominent place at The Winter Show. The dealers of Les Enluminures, which specializes in illuminated manuscripts of the Middle Ages and early Renaissance, have brought a showstopping volume of the medieval French epic “Le Roman de Troie,” produced for the dukes of Burgundy in the mid-15th century. It's open to a large miniature of Achilles and Ajax, who have traded in their Greek armor for French doublets and hose, and who bide their time outside the walls of Troy by playing chess, which would have appeared ultramodern to the book's Burgundian readers. Peruse enough booths here, and you'll find something to match the tastes of everyone. Even those who have no taste at all: They could walk out of

here with a garish 1960s reproduction of the Apollo Belvedere, if their Fire Island pool house needs a little historical ballast. Who can account for tastes, anyway? They change all the time, as the dealers here would tell you, and today's modern furnishings will be antique before long.

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THE WINTER SHOW

Through Jan. 27 at the Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Avenue, between 66th and 67th Streets; thewintershow.org.

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