



MEDIA ALERT

Invitation to cover – not for publication.

Illuminated manuscripts at the California State Library

WHEN & WHERE:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 –

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with light refreshments, and the presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. California State Library, 900 N Street, Sacramento.

Ongoing March 1 – April 30, 2012

Rotunda Gallery exhibit and window display featuring illuminated manuscripts, including Victorian era books on medieval illumination embellished with spectacular chromolithographs and photograph reproductions of the rare pieces of the collection – originals to be presented and discussed at the event.

Open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHAT:

A Night at the California State Library presents *Illuminated Manuscripts* with internationally known antiquarian bookseller John Windle specializing in illuminated manuscripts, early and fine printings and illustrated books. John will be discussing the history and making of illuminated manuscripts, additionally our History Librarian Emeritus, Gary F. Kurutz will present rare pieces of the California State Library's collection including rare books ranging from a late Middle Ages *Horae* or Book of Hours circa 1450 to the spectacular Arion Press 2000 Millennium Bible with original illuminated initials created by noted calligrapher Thomas Ingmire of San Francisco; and the stories behind them.

VISUALS/AUDIO

- Illuminated Manuscripts circa 1450 to modern day.



INTERVIEWS:

- California State Librarian Stacey A. Aldrich
- Internationally known antiquarian bookseller John Windle
- Special Collections Librarian Emeritus Gary F. Kurutz
- Supporters and patrons of our monthly Night at the Library events

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MORE INFO:

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