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EVENT DETAILS

Initial Impressions

January 24, 2020-
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Opening:
January 24, 2019
6-8 pm

Gallery 241
241 McNeal Hall
1985 Buford Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55108
goldstein.design.umn.edu



Guest curator Bill Moran with assistant curator Elle Pagel

Initial Impressions

Explore rare Renaissance initial capitals from the Maywald Collection at the University of Minnesota's Andersen Library Special Collections. This exhibition features some of these initials that date from 1470 to 1690, the books in which they appear, and contemporary interpretations produced with modern technology and printed using traditional letterpress methods.

These letterforms reveal the unparalleled craftsmanship and imagination of wood engravers who created wood type for use in early printing and their enduring fascination. Guest curator Bill Moran observed: "We've learned that the detail achieved by the carvers was done mostly without magnification and only by natural light. Many of these letters are no larger than postage stamps and the skill required to do this (backwards and in relief) is extraordinary.

General Information

The Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD), part of the University of Minnesota's College of Design, supports design teaching, research, and discovery through exhibitions, publications, programs, and partnerships.

Location

Gallery 241 is on the second floor of McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Gallery 241 Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm

Weekend 1:30pm-4:30pm

Closed Mondays and all University holidays

Free admission

Parking

Parking is in Gortner Ramp at 1395 Gortner Avenue and the lot at the top of Lower Buford Circle. Bicycle racks are available by the west entrance to McNeal Hall.

Accessibility

Metered handicapped parking is available in front of the Lower Buford Circle entrance. Handicapped parking is also available on Upper Buford Circle at the north end of the building.

An automatic door is located just around the corner from the metered handicapped parking at the back east side of the building. Visitor drop-off/pick-up is available at the accessible Buford Avenue south entrance and the west entrance on Lower Buford Circle.

Public Transit

For bus information, call (612) 373-3333 or visit <http://www1.umn.edu/pts/bus/connectors.html> or <http://www.metrotransit.org/>

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