

# O Holy Night

Representations of the Nativity  
in Medieval and Renaissance Art

Dr. Sarah M. McKinnon

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 • 7:30-9:30 pm



## About the Presentation

This illustrated lecture will focus on the representation of the Nativity in the art history of Western Europe during the Late Middle Ages and Renaissance. By examining examples of panel painting, fresco, and manuscript illumination from both north and south of the Alps, we will observe the changing nature of how artists depicted this theme. We will also consider the ways in which artists used for their visual sources not only holy scriptures but legends, notions of popular piety, and contemporary attitudes.

## About the Speaker Dr. Sarah M. McKinnon

Dr. Sarah M. McKinnon, currently Vice-President, Academic at the Ontario College of Art & Design, received her B.A. in History and Art History at Rice University in Houston, Texas and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Medieval Studies (in architectural history) from the University of Toronto.



For 25 years, she was appointed at the University of Winnipeg, serving as faculty member, University Art Curator, Chair of the History Department, Associate Dean and Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science.

She has published and lectured in late medieval art and architecture and has curated exhibitions of Canadian and European art. She currently serves on the board of the Eckhardt-Gramatté Foundation in Winnipeg, a charitable trust that promotes the heritage of composer S. C. Eckhardt-Gramatté and her first husband, German Expressionist artist, Walter Gramatté. Dr. McKinnon continues to research the life and art of Mary Riter Hamilton and is writing a biography of this little-known Canadian artist.

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