

Buon Natale
Wesołych Świąt'
Feliz Natal
Feliz Navidad
God Jul
Joyeux Noël

Merry Christmas!

Zalig Kerstfeest
Fröhliche Weihnachten
Glædelig Jul
schastlivogo Rozhdestva
kalá Christoúgenna
Shèngdàn jié kuàilè



• Twenty years of Medieval Art

- At the end of this year I will be celebrating twenty years of promoting the arts of the Middle Ages.
- From a two square-metre 'booth' in Portobello road on Saturday mornings (1997) - via a spell in deepest Burgundy and the Burgundian Netherlands, concomitant with a long presence in London (Hampstead, Marylebone and New Burlington Street), - to a two hundred square-metre 18th century cowshed in rural Wiltshire today.
- It must be because my father was part-archeologist by training that I inherited a love of exploring lost civilisations, in my case the once rich and wondrous world of European Christendom. Since he was also a professor I often cannot resist the research involved in giving these works their due, leaving me to beg the indulgence of professional scholars.
- Looking back, one thing stands out: the extent to which all this has involved digging up beautiful works that were misrecognised, forgotten or just neglected. It is not altogether unlike looking after orphans and finding a fitting home for them. It goes without saying that the rewards of restoring pieces to their proper recognition and appreciation has been correspondingly great.
- I would not have been able to pursue such a singular passion for medieval sculpture without the continuous support of saner creatures, such as my wife, frank and true in her judgment, my children, wonderfully patient and forgiving of my foibles, and my lurcher Rolo, a model of forbearance and faithfulness. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of YOU, - colleagues, curators and other amateurs of early art, - for your valued support all these marvellous years.
- Please drop in to Oxenwood if you happen to pass this way. There is a wood, there are oxen, if required even a crib can be found for the night; in all cases there is a glass of champagne.



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