

THE ART GALLERY AT RIVIER UNIVERSITY PRESENTS “CIRCLES OF WONDER”

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Christmas Crèche Figures from Around the World
(November 26 – December 12, 2018)

As the semester comes to a close
and Christmas approaches,
The Art Gallery at Rivier University
invites you to an exhibition
celebrating this magical and holy season.

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Recreating the scene of Christ's birth is widely considered one of the most tender and enduring Christmas customs. With origins in the Middle Ages, it came to fuller bloom as popular culture in the 17th and 18th centuries, thanks to missionary efforts, artistic ingenuity, and a pervading sense of the sacred. Originally rooted in three centers—Naples, Italy; the Provence region of France; and southern Germany and Austria—nativity sets, with the Christ child encircled by Biblical and indigenous characters, have sparked imagination throughout the world.

Open through December 12, 2018

Open hours: M-W 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; TH 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Memorial Hall second floor landing