

“CIRCLES OF WONDER” Christmas Crèche Figures from Around the World


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Offering you an end-of-semester celebration of Christmas!

As 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, 2022
Open hours: M-TH 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; FR 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: Memorial Hall second floor landing

Christmas is about messages of peace, justice, unity within diversity, respect for the earth and all for whom it is home, and every value, founded in love, that contributes to full, meaningful living. Artists and craftpersons world-wide have been responding to this richness for centuries. You are invited to come and experience a sampling!

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