

## **Animals in Religious Art**

**Sunday, November 18 at 9:00 am in the Bloom Room**

Animals played very important roles in religious art of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. We find them represented in illustrated bestiaries, in depictions of stories told in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels, and of the lives of many saints. Animals were used in these images to teach viewers about Christian history, dogma, values, and about human nature itself. In celebration of animals in this liturgical Season of Creation, join Pia Cuneo, Professor of Art History at the U of A, in exploring the many meanings of animals in Christian art.

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